

GCSE

Sociology

## The Brunts Academy

**What is Sociology?**

Sociology is the study of how society functions and how this function differs between cultures.

Sociologists look at:

- How we live together and try to understand how society's social structures (family, education, religion, media, government, criminal justice system) influence behaviour and values.
- How identity is socially constructed and how it is influenced by social class, gender, age, ethnicity, sexuality, disability and nationality.
- Different family types and their impact on the socialisation process.
- The causes and reasons behind criminal behaviour.
- The reasons behind structural inequalities that individuals experience within society, based on their gender, social class and ethnicity.

**Key Features of the Course:**

The AQA GCSE in Sociology is designed to foster in learners an understanding and critical awareness of the social world around them.

Students will focus on the importance of social structure in explaining social issues.

Learners will be encouraged to explore and debate contemporary social issues to enable them to challenge taken-for-granted assumptions and to question their everyday understanding of society.

**What type of student is this suitable for?**

Sociology is suitable for students who have:

- An enquiring and critical mind, and who are open to having their perceptions challenged.
- Those who enjoy debate, reading and extended writing.

**What could this course lead on to?**

Studying sociology opens up a range of careers in areas such as welfare, education, crime, social research, and local and central government. It also provides many sought-after transferable skills, such as critical thinking, communication, teamwork, independence and resilience.

**Course Details:** AQA

**Website:** [www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/gcse/sociology-8192](http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/gcse/sociology-8192)

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