Advanced GCE in Sociology

Board: AQA (7192)
Qualification: Advanced Level GCE in Sociology

What is the course about?

1st Year:

> The Sociology of Education
> Research Methods
> Families & Households

2nd Year:

> The Sociology of Beliefs in Society
> The Sociology of Crime & Deviance
> Theory & Methods

Is any Prior Knowledge needed?
No prior knowledge of Sociology is required to begin the A-Level.

How will I be assessed?
The course is assessed solely through examinations with formative assessment taking place through extended written exam question practice.

Paper 1: 7192/1 Education with Theory & Methods (2 hours, worth 33.3%)
Paper 2: 7192/2 Topics in Sociology (2 hours, worth 33.3%)
Paper 3: 7192/3 Crime & Deviance with Theory & Methods (2 hours, worth 33.3%)

What skills will I develop?
During the course you will develop skills which will help you whether you choose to carry on studying in higher education or enter the world of work. You will learn many skills that will help you to understand individuals, social groups, institutions, and the wider social structure in a critical manner and which can be applied to many different careers. The course can also offer opportunities to develop and generate evidence of attainment in aspects of the Key Skills of: *Communication; Application of Number; Information Technology; Working with Others; Improving own Learning and Performance; Problem Solving.*

Why might this course be for me?
Sociology is the study of the relationship between individuals and their wider social context e.g. families, education, religion and crime. If you are interested in examining the role that families play in society, why particular social groups underachieve in education, whether religion is declining in significance, or why people turn to crime then this course is for you. Furthermore, you will be able to develop a critical understanding of how research is carried out, which is invaluable to numerous HE courses and careers.

Where can I go next?
This course fits in very well with most other courses for the further study of Sociology and other related subjects including social policy, counselling, welfare-based disciplines and criminology. Sociology can often be studied as part of joint honours degrees. In terms of careers, the study of Sociology can help open doors in careers such as politics and policy making, mental health work, public relations, counselling, work within the criminal justice system, events management, housing management, journalism, social work, child and youth welfare work, urban planning, advertising, and family guidance.