

Kirkbie Kendal School

Sociology Curriculum Intent Statement

“The function of sociology, as of every science, is to reveal that which is hidden.”

Pierre Bourdieu

Sociology students study Sociology as it offers a key focus on society in the UK today and looks back to how society has arrived at its current position and suggests how it may continue to evolve. The A Level has strong links to British values and SMSC as it teaches traditional British values as a core element of the course and students actively learn about democracy, individual liberty, rule of law and mutual respect within the topics studied.

We will enable our students to:

- Understand key Sociological theories - providing a foundation of knowledge that they will build upon during each unit of work that is studied.
- Gain knowledge about how research is conducted and try some of the techniques out for themselves.
- Gain knowledge and understanding of the diversity in belief systems around the world and how we can be influenced in our daily lives by ours and others' beliefs.
- Examination of the police and criminal justice system as another institution within society and assess the theory surrounding its function and role within society
- To develop critical thinking skills and with that will be able to evaluate explicitly in their written work to be able to achieve top mark band responses.
- Students are encouraged to seek out knowledge and experience that enhances and adds to their learning.
- Students are given the opportunity to attend seminars and lectures held by Sociologists and visits to curriculum workshops that are offered by external agencies are also arranged.
- Students are consistently encouraged to use the media to add to their knowledge of Sociology and find current, real-life examples of Sociology in the real world that could be used as examples and evidence in their written work.
- The overall aim of Sociology is to encourage students to look at the world in a more critical way and question why society functions in the way that it does.