

WQE is one of the largest sixth form providers in England; a large twin-site college, centrally located in the city of Leicester. The College's most recent Ofsted inspection was in 2024 where we received a Grade 2 (Good) for Overall Effectiveness.

WQE aims to develop young professionals to be qualified to Level 3 and ready to progress to Level 4. We recognise that our students join us from a diverse range of backgrounds and are responsive to individual needs to support all students in a successful transition from school to Post-16 education.

We actively encourage you start engaging with us at this early opportunity, to consider your subject choices and ensure you are in the best possible position to be prepared for making your Post-16 choices at the start of Year 11.

The task outlined below will give you an idea of what this Level 3 course involves. We welcome you to have a try and develop your understanding of the subject. You may wish to talk to Curriculum Staff about this during our Open Day in November or at other opportunities during the Admissions process.

Throughout Sociology you will explore a range of themes, debates and ideas through the following topics:

- Families & Households
- Education
- Beliefs in Society
- Crime & Deviance
- Research methods

Sociology is referred to as the 'science of society'. It involves the study of society and of people and their behaviour.



Task 1: Consider the following statements, share your thoughts on each one. You can use the questions prompts to help you.

- ***'There is enough wealth in the world for everyone to be a millionaire'***

How does this statement make you feel?

Should wealth be more equally distributed?



- ***'Feminism is not needed'***

Identify arguments for and against this view.



- ***'Crime can benefit society'***

Identify ways crime can be positive? Identify ways this statement can be criticised.



Task 2: Sociology involves extended essay writing and using evidence. Complete the comprehension task below:

Item A:

Sociology is the exploration of how human interaction is shaped by the institutions around us. As a subject, the aim of sociology is to go beyond a common-sense understanding of the social world. Sociologists often want to go beyond what is seen as logical or taken for granted. This is achieved through the use of research methods which allow for sociologists to systematically research the world around them and to be able to draw conclusions from the results. There are a wide range of research methods that allow for more control and objectivity, while others allow for more freedom and subjectivity. Social research methods allow for sociologists to mimic some of the research styles of the natural sciences. Therefore, they would like to be taken as seriously as the natural scientists. Many sociologists argue that governments and politicians should use sociological research as information to inform new laws and policies. However, despite the desire of some sociologists to be seen as equal to natural scientists there are others within the sociological community who do not want this. They argue that the aim of sociology is to disrupt social order and to help liberate oppressed groups in society. They see sociology as encouraging individuals to be more critical of institutions and social forces, to become more aware of oppression and to fight for their rights.

- a) **In the first paragraph, what does the writer mean by common sense?**

- b) **What is the aim of sociology, as a subject?**

- c) **How is common sense different from sociological thought?**

- d) **Can you think of an example of an oppressed group? (oppression is unfair treatment)**

- e) **Can you suggest research methods that may**