

## **Sociology Curriculum Statement of Intent**

The purpose of Sociology at EGA is to promote a student's understanding of the social world around them. This will be best achieved through exploring sociological theories, challenging stereotypical views and critical thinking. To understand social context, we will develop the ability in our students to analyse and evaluate sociological theories, concepts, evidence and research methods.

Our curriculum promotes the understanding and application of both knowledge and skills. Students will be encouraged to reflect on their progress and learning by engaging in conversations where they can respond to, and act upon feedback. Students use various methods of empirical investigation and analysis to develop critical and analytical thinking, writing ability, cultural competence, and self-awareness.

Our students are introduced to a wide variety of viewpoints from some of the most influential sociologists and thinkers throughout history. We study the impact these sociologists have made in shaping the world we live in today and students are encouraged to create links by drawing information from other subjects. Studying differing opinions from competing theorists helps students understand different social perspectives. This in turn allows insight into these theorists' impact on our understanding of human behaviour, diversity of societies and forces for social change as a whole. Sociology studies themes and characteristics that are underpinned by discourses around race and ethnicity, social class, gender and decolonisation. Students analyse social constructs and its impact on minority groups in societies.

Sociology will broaden the students' understanding of their world view and develop an appreciation that our differences can be resolved through humility, respect and empathy. Students will be able to draw comparisons and contrasts of sociological concepts with their own experiences of the social world around them, which will bolster a more positive, informed and active role they play in society.

Our ambition for all students at EGA is that when they finish their study of Sociology, they will achieve personal excellence and build confidence and resilience. The demands of the curriculum encourages students to excel in the following:

- To understand relationships and tensions between social structures and individual agency through analysis and application of sociological knowledge.
- To critically analyse information and use evidence to make informed arguments, reach substantiated judgements and draw conclusions.
- To apply their knowledge of how social control, power and inequality of the social structure impacts our society.
- To use sociological theories to examine social issues, debates and social changes.

- To understand and evaluate sociological methodology and be able to identify and assess the appropriate methods required to research different areas of society.
- To consider the strengths and weaknesses of different sociological theories.