



IBCP Social and Cultural Anthropology

This is a Group 3 subject and is studied at Higher Level (HL). Social and Cultural Anthropology is the study of all peoples everywhere – what they make, what they do, what they think and how they organise their social relationships and societies. Social anthropologists compare different cultures and societies to explore their similarities and differences to produce theories of how best to study and understand human nature.

The International Baccalaureate Careers Programme (IBCP) allows students to combine two IB subjects with vocational subjects in the sixth form. Anthropology is one of the most popular IB subjects so classes are often full. The IB is an internationally renowned course and is excellent preparation for developing globally minded students.

IB Social and Cultural Anthropology allows pupils to:

- Develop cultural awareness and learn to challenge their preconceptions
- Undertake fieldwork and research
- Develop interpersonal and intrapersonal skills through group work and individual projects
- Many graduates in Social Anthropology move into the fields of teaching, law, finance, HR, marketing, PR etc.

Students study the following:

Year1:

In IB Social Anthropology you will study a number of areas of 7 different societies: Puerto Rican crack dealers in East Harlem, New York, female call centre operators in industrialised India, the use of social media in England, the heroin epidemic in the USA, the politics of plastic surgery in Brazil and the rise of food banks in the UK. You will look at the social and historical context of each society and analyse how that has affected how they are today.

Year 2:

The study of anthropological theory and analyse ethnographic material using these theories.

The IA (Internal Assessment): students conduct a piece of fieldwork research on an area of inquiry of their choice.



Assessment

Paper 1 (2hrs) (30%), Paper 2 (2.5hrs) (45%) and the Internal Assessment (25%).

Entry requirements

In addition to the entry requirements for the sixth form, the following are recommended:

- English Language & Maths at grade 5 or above
- Grade 6 for GCSE English, History, Geography or RS
- Be prepared to be an independent thinker
- Take responsibility for your own success
- Be prepared to manage your own time
- Be prepared to challenge yourself to become better
- Progression from to Yr13 is dependent on an end of year assessment in Yr12