

# Society and Culture

## **Course Description:**

Society and Culture develops knowledge, understanding, skills, values and attitudes essential to an appreciation of the social world. How the interaction of persons, society, culture, environment and time shape human behaviour is a central theme of study. Students develop an understanding of research methodologies and undertake research in an area of particular interest to them.

The research findings are presented for external assessment in the Personal Interest Project (PIP). The course deals with areas of interest and relevance to students.

## **Main Topics Covered:**

### **Preliminary Course**

- The Social and Cultural World (20%) – the interaction between aspects of society and cultures.
- Personal and Social Identity (40%) – socialisation and coming of age in a variety of social and cultural settings.
- Intercultural Communication (40%) – how people in different cultures interact and communicate.

### **HSC Course**

#### **Core**

- Social and Cultural Continuity and Change (30%) – the nature, continuity and change, research and study of a selected country.
- The Personal Interest Project (30%) – an individual research project.

#### **Depth Studies (40%)**

Two to be chosen from:

- Popular Culture – the interconnection between individuals and popular culture.
- Belief Systems – role of belief systems in societies, cultures and personal life
- Equality and Difference – the nature of equality and difference in societies and cultures
- Work and Leisure – the nature and role of work and leisure in society.