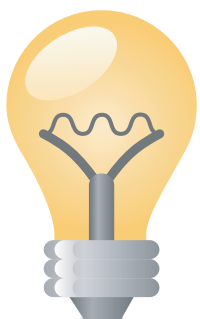


# A Level **General Studies**

## The **key** to *open minds*



### **Widen** horizons

Integrate knowledge across disciplines to give your learners a broad-based understanding that complements other A Level subjects and encourages them to engage with the world around them.

### **Broaden** perspectives

Look at a wide range of information, opinions and attitudes and encourage your learners to use analytical reasoning to construct a clear, coherent and well-expressed point of view.

### **Expand** possibilities

Inspire an interest in current affairs and an ethos of intellectual rigour that goes beyond the classroom, empowering your learners with the tools sought after by universities and employers alike.

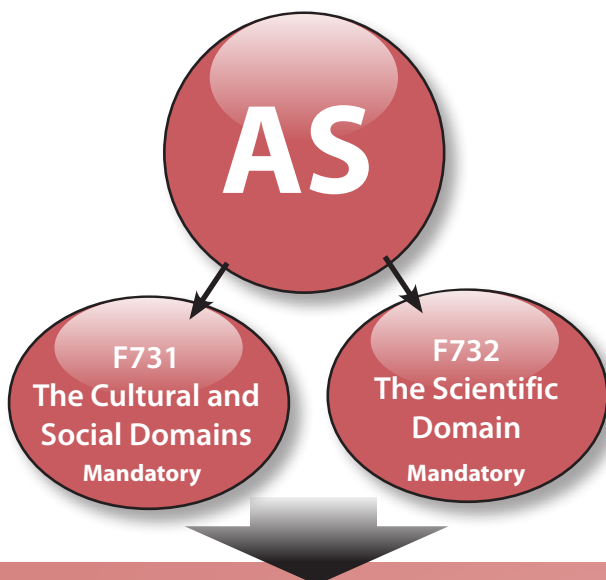
## Discussing the issues **that matter...**

A Level General Studies involves investigating contemporary issues and forming well-reasoned opinions about them. For example...

- The political systems of Britain and the EU, making informed judgements regarding everything from the roles of the monarch and the prime minister, to the pros and cons of the Euro.
- Media communications, including current developments within the media, moral issues and ways in which the media influence public opinion.
- Crime, law enforcement and the criminal justice system, looking at the causes of crime, ethical and social dilemmas and attitudes towards dissent.
- Thinking and analytical skills, interpreting data and integrating knowledge from different domains to determine what is relevant to the solution of a particular problem.

**A Level General Studies is an opportunity to go beyond the narrow confines of the syllabus. Learners explore contemporary issues in culture, society and science, using critical thinking skills to develop and express a well-argued line of reasoning on a particular theme.**

# Year 12



**The Social Domain**

Political systems, processes and goals (AS F731)

Social and economic trends and constraints (AS F731)

Explanation and evaluation of human behaviour (AS F731)

**Culture, Arts and Humanities**

Beliefs, values and moral reasoning (AS F731)

Media and communication 1 (AS F731)

Creativity and innovation (AS F731)

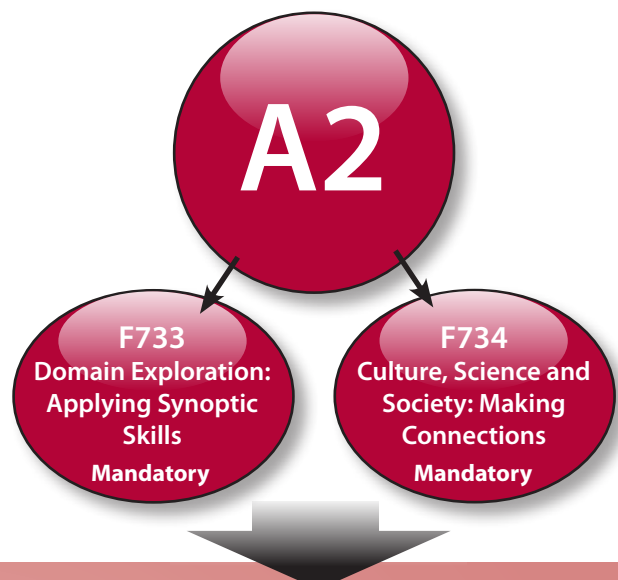
**Science, Mathematics and Technology**

Characteristics of the sciences (physical, life and earth) (AS F732)

Understanding of scientific methods, principles, criteria and their application (AS F732)

Mathematical reasoning and its application (AS F732)

# Year 13



**The Social Domain**

Examination and appreciation of ideologies and values in society (A2 F733 and F734)

The nature of objectivity in social sciences (A2 F733 and F734)

The relationship between law, society and ethics (A2 F733 and F734)

**Science, Mathematics and Technology**

The nature of scientific objectivity and the question of progress (A2 F733 and F734)

Social, ethical and environmental implications and consequences of scientific discoveries and technological development (A2 F733 and F734)

The moral responsibility of scientists (A2 F733 and F734)

The relationship between technology, science, society (past and/or present) and ideology (A2 F733 and F734)

**Culture, Arts and Humanities**

Religious belief and experience, and connections between them (A2 F733 and F734)

Media and communication 2 (A2 F733 and F734)

An understanding and appreciation of the changing nature and importance of culture (A2 F733 and F734)

Aesthetic evaluation (A2 F733 and F734)

**Thinking and Analytical Skills**

Skills (A2 F733)

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