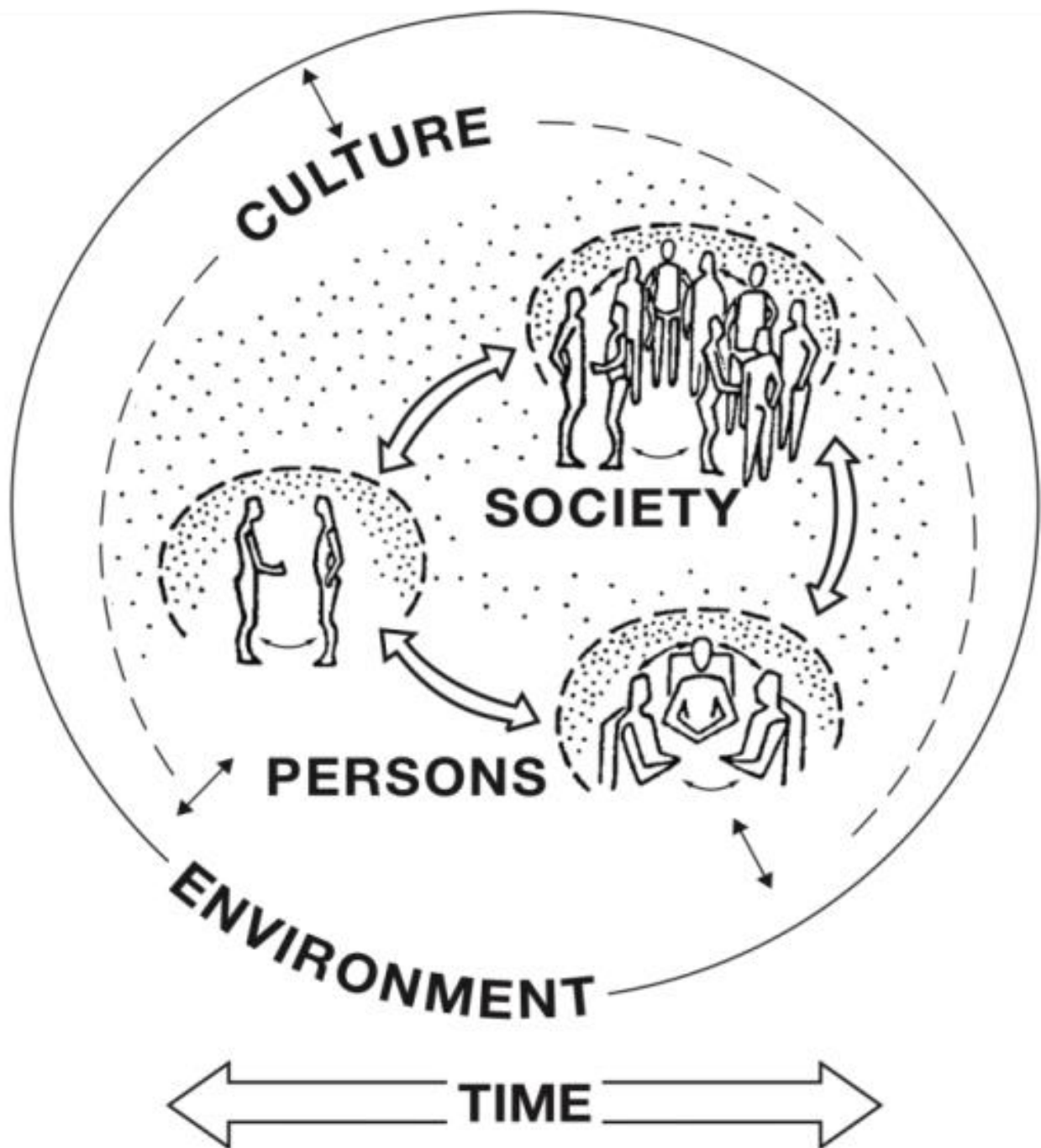# Society and Culture

A Stage 6 cross-disciplinary subject with the central goal of the development of social and cultural literacy and a clear understanding of the interaction of persons, societies, cultures, environments and time. Society and Culture enables students to develop an understanding of:

- *Themselves*
- *Their own society and culture*
- *The societies and cultures of others*

Why study Society and Culture?

Students who study Society and Culture:

- are self aware, with a sense of personal, social and cultural identity
- show concern for the welfare, rights, and dignity of all people
- understand continuity and change and the implications for our future
- are informed and active citizens
- communicate effectively
- show critical thinking skills
- research effectively and ethically
- empathise with people of different cultures
- look beyond the idea of 'us' and 'them'
- are well prepared for the academic rigour of university

What will I study?

Year 11 Course
Social and Cultural World:
    The focus of this study is the interactions occurring between persons and within and between groups, both in the contemporary world and in societies across time.

Personal and Social Identity:
    This unit examines the process of socialisation, and the development of personal and social identity in individuals and groups in a variety of social and cultural settings.

Intercultural Communication:
    The focus of this study is to understand how people in different social, cultural and environmental settings behave, communicate and perceive the world around them so that they can better understand each other and their world.

HSC Course
Personal Interest Project (PIP):
    You choose a topic you are passionate about, conduct primary research and write about your findings. This draws together your interests, research skills and personal experiences.

Social and Cultural Continuity and Change:
    The study of how and why change occurs, and why some things stay the same. This understanding is applied to a specific country.

Two studies chosen from the following:
Popular Culture:
    The interaction between popular culture, society and the individual. How do you interact with popular culture? Have different popular cultures contributed to social change?

Belief Systems:
    Understanding the way people make sense of the world around them. From Islam to Feminism and beyond.

Social Inclusion and Exclusion
    Why prejudice and discrimination are such a common occurrence in the world, and how to combat them.

Social Conformity and Nonconformity

Why do some groups conform to social norms, while others sit outside convention? What are the consequences of nonconformity?