

KS4 GCSE Sociology

Course Specifications

Exam board: AQA
Course type: GCSE

Course Description

Sociology is exciting, interesting and relevant to students' lives! How we are influenced by society, controversial social issues within society, and how society might change in the future are examined. You will develop an excellent critical knowledge and understanding of this society, and the interactions between different social and cultural groups within society.

You will learn about society through a range of different topics:

During year 10, you will be introduced to the subject focus of Sociology and sociological theories, concepts and research methods used to study and analyse society; examine the education system, its role within society, and the causes of different educational achievement of different social groups; also study the causes and effects of changes to the family and examine different types of families, marriage, divorce, married/unmarried couple relationships, and parent-child relationships.

In year 11 you will go on to examine the difference between and analyse the causes and effects of crime and deviance; and finally an examination of social inequality and the ways in which life chances are influenced by differences in wealth, income, power and status, and social factors such as social class, gender and ethnicity.

Skills & Abilities

In addition to learning about society through the topics, you will develop a range of:

Verbal and written communication skills; Skills of accurately interpreting information and data, which are presented in a variety of forms; Analytical skills for examining the social structures, social processes and social issues within society; Evaluative skills for assessing relevant evidence, and arguments to reach appropriate conclusions; Recall skills of sociological subject knowledge and content for the topics being assessed.

Assessment

The exam requires the completion of two 1 hour and 45 minutes written papers, each worth 50% of the final grade; including 8 essay questions which have to be completed across the two papers.

Careers & Progression

There is a huge variety of professional careers, occupations and further and higher university courses that studying sociology can lead too, including: degrees in social sciences and related subjects, and careers in law, teaching, civil service, social work, journalism, counselling, youth work, advertising and medicine.

Guidance & Advice

BBC Bitesize GCSE Sociology
Gojimo.com (App-Quiz)
Quizlet.com (Quiz)
The sociologyguy.com
AQA GCSE Sociology (9-1) textbook- Collins
AQA GCSE Sociology (9-1) Revision guide- Collins