

# Sociology GCSE



What is it?



Why choose it?





In Sociology, we look at the society we live in and work out why it is the way it is.

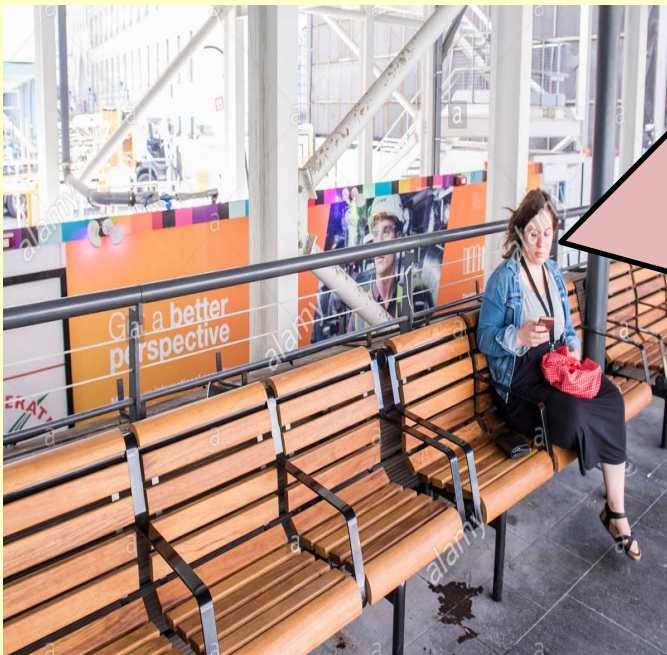
The society we live in, has been designed in a specific way to control certain behaviours.



Ever wonder why public benches have arm rests?  
For comfort ?...No

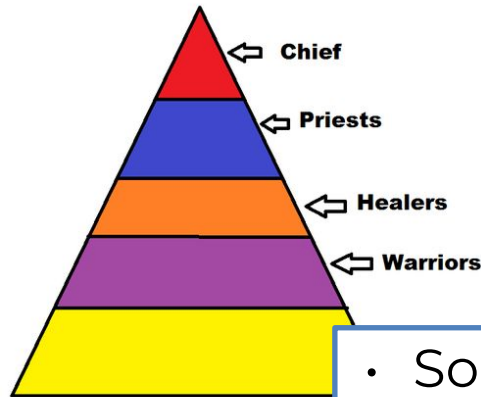
Sadly, one of the reasons behind their design is to **prevent** rough sleepers, making the benches impossible to sleep on. Deters away the homeless

Bollards?  
During a high speed car chase, it prevents cars over taking one another and going onto the pavement. Protecting the public.

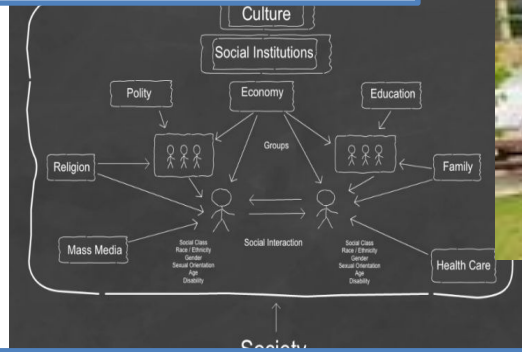


# Unit 1

## Thematic Knowledge: Studying Society



- Social Structures
- Social Processes
- Social Issues



## Topic 1: Education



- The structure of the education system
- Factors which affect achievement in education
- The functions of Education in society

## Topic 2: Families



- Define 'family'
- Explore the diverse forms of the family in Britain today

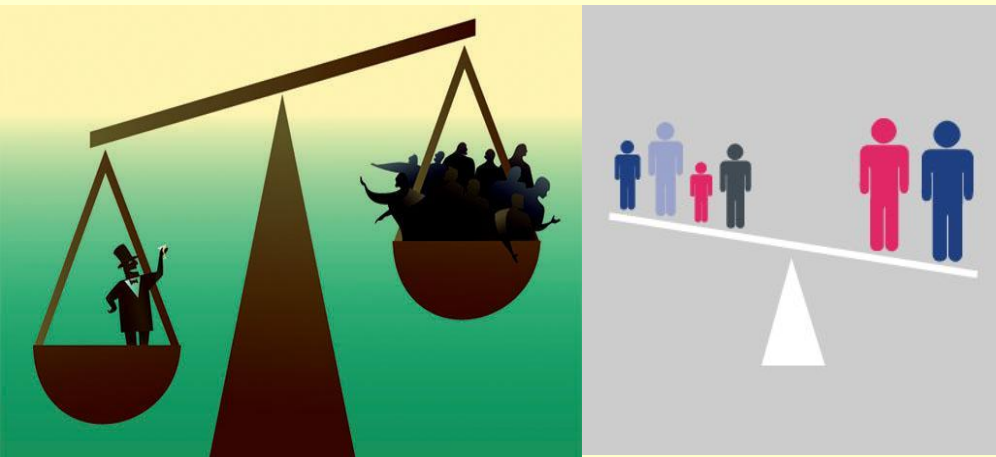
# Unit 2

## Topic 3: Crime and Deviance

- Distinguish the concepts of crime and deviance
- Describe the ways in which individuals are encouraged to conform to social rules both formal and informal



## Topic 4: Social Stratification



- Stratification in relation to wealth, income, status and power.
- Also stratification in relation to class, gender, ethnicity, age and religion

# Breakdown of the course

## AQA GCSE Sociology

### **Paper 1: The Sociology of Families and Education:**

Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes.

- 100 Marks.
- 50% of your GCSE.

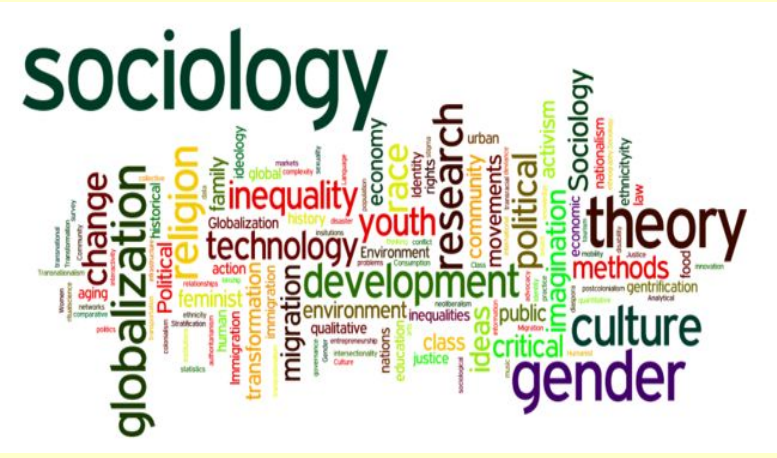
**Paper 2: The Sociology of Crime and Deviance and Social Stratification:** Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes.

- 100 Marks.
- 50% of your GCSE



# Why should you choose Sociology?

- You will learn about the society you live in.
- You will learn to question the world around you.
- It will help you to create arguments.
- You will be able to do your own research.
- Links very well with other humanities subjects.





Medicine



Law



Human Resources

## Where can Sociology take me?

Education

Social Work

Government



**SOCIAL  
WORKERS**  
  
**CHANGE THE WORLD.**

# Questions

If there are any questions, please email or ask:

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