



GCSE Sociology

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Overview of the course:

GCSE Sociology helps you to gain knowledge and understanding of key structures, processes and issues in society.

You will develop analytical and communication skills by comparing and contrasting perspectives on a variety of social issues e.g. divorce, poverty, socialisation.

This will help you in constructing reasoned arguments, making substantiated judgements and drawing reasoned conclusions. These are all valuable skills that can be used in many other subjects.

You will begin your Sociology GCSE with introductory lessons to the core perspectives, themes and key terms. Remember – no students will have studied this before so everyone is starting on the same level as you!

What will you study?

You will study key ideas of classical sociologists' consensus and conflict theories in society, for example:

- Functionalism
- Marxism
- Feminism
- The New Right

You will also learn how to apply various research methods to different sociological contexts.

The topics we study are:

- The Sociological Approach
- Families
- Education
- Crime and Deviance
- Social Stratification
- Research Methods

Assessment

There is no coursework in GCSE Sociology. You will be examined by completing **two examinations** at the end of Year 11.

These examinations are both worth 50% of your overall GCSE grade and are 1 hour 45 minutes each in length.

The examination has a mixture of questions for you to answer:

- Multiple choice questions
- Short answer questions
- Extended answers

Possible career path:

What can you do with Sociology? The short answer is... anything!!

Possible career paths could include:

- Criminology
- Teaching
- Medicine – e.g. Midwifery
- Police Officer
- Criminal Justice System e.g. Probation Officer
- Law
- Social Work
- Journalist
- Business
- Politics
- Governmental Research
- Human Resources