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GCSE Sociology

The presentation will begin shortly, can we ask that cameras and microphones are switched off.

If you have any questions please type in the chat box and we will answer as many questions as possible.



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After the presentation, if you have any other questions, please contact us via email.
We will be available up until 6pm.



Why do we need sociology?

WHY IS SOCIOLOGY AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT?

- Only by studying society can we hope to improve it.
- Understanding current trends allows us to anticipate future problems.
- Sociology allows us to understand our own lives and situations: we are the product of our society and so it is important to understand how it has socialised us.

What are sociologists interested in?

Sociology attempts to answer questions such as:

- Are women and men now equal?
- What social factors influence our thoughts and behaviour?
- How have people's identities changed over the years?
- Does violence in the media influence our behaviour?



Why do people commit crime?



Why do people experience poverty?



Why do people experience racism?



Why do teenagers join gangs?



Assessment Breakdown

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Component 1: Understanding Social Processes

Written examination: 1 hour 45 minutes

50% of qualification

This component covers the following topic areas:

- Key concepts and processes of cultural transmission
- Families
- Education
- Sociological research methods

Component 2: Understanding Social Structures

Written examination: 1 hour 45 minutes

50% of qualification

This component covers the following topic areas:

- Social differentiation and stratification
- Crime and deviance
- Applied methods of sociological enquiry

A written assessment with a mix of short answer, structured questions and extended-response questions, all compulsory. The extended response questions will require candidates to draw together different areas of knowledge, skills and/or understanding from across the relevant specification content.

EXAMS:

Component 1: Understanding social processes
Covered in Yr10

Component 2: Understanding social structures
Covered in Yr11

The course is made up of
100% exams



Critical Thinkers

In this course we ask important but perhaps sometimes controversial questions about the society around us. We aim to create critical thinkers by encouraging our students to always ask 'why' ?

Sociology addresses 'important' questions such as:

- Why do girls generally perform better than boys in education?
- Why are there differences in educational attainment amongst different ethnicities and social classes?
- Why do certain social groups commit more crime than others?



What careers are related to Sociology?

Therefore, the range of careers and professions within this field are extremely wide ranging. For example, studying Sociology could lead to choosing an occupation in:

- Government research
 - Policy making
- The civil service
 - The media
 - Law
 - Business
 - Education
- Social work
 - Counselling
- The police force
- The criminal justice system
 - Probation work
 - Youth justice
 - Prisons
- Crime scene investigation





What skills do I need to complete this course successfully?

What skills do I need?

- Good written and verbal communication (extended writing)
- Adequate numeracy
 - Enjoy reading
 - Organisation skills
 - Creativity
- You will need to be aware of current affairs and the news

What skills will I gain?

- You will develop evaluation skills
 - Analytical skills
 - Critical thinking
 - Research skills
- Debate and discussion
 - Good communication
 - Empathy
- Develop effective revision and exam techniques
 - Essay writing skills
- Preparation for advanced courses at post 16



Do you have lots of empathy?

Do you have advanced English skills?

Do you enjoy reading?

Do you want to understand why people act the way they do?

IS SOCIOLOGY FOR ME?

Do you enjoy learning about research that has taken place about society?

Do you enjoy making sense of the society in which you live?

Do you enjoy watching the news and reading newspapers?

If yes this is the course for you!