

GCSE Sociology

Examination Board:

AQA

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Why study Sociology?

Sociology embraces a whole range of human activities, and this makes it a very wide field of study. As a result, it offers many opportunities for specialisation, and these are reflected in the work of sociologists. You will learn many transferable skills such as evaluation, analysis, communication, and interpretation.

It is an academic subject aimed at those students who wish to understand more about themselves, the people they know, the society they live in and other cultures and societies. In studying Sociology, you will become socially, culturally, and politically aware and capable of thinking critically about the world around you.

Possible next steps (including careers)

The skills developed are useful for careers in law, education, social work and the NHS, government and politics, the media, charities, and the police.

Aptitudes needed

You need to be interested in current affairs, be able to think critically and justify your opinions.
You need to be able to produce extended writing – grade 5 predicted in English GCSE.

Topic Structure**Year 10**

- Introduction to concepts, theory, and methods
- Education
- Families and households

Year 11

- Crime and deviance
- Social stratification

Assessment Structure

Paper one: Families and households and Education
100 marks
1 hour 45 minutes
50% of GCSE

Paper two: Crime and deviance and social stratification
100 marks
1 hour 45 minutes
50% of GCSE