



GCSE SOCIOLOGY

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What will you study in Year 9?

Introduction to Sociology

- **Topics include:** What is society? How does politics influence us? Key sociological theories. Differences between groups in society. Questions students may debate:
 - **Feminism:** Do women have equal rights? Can women achieve in the UK today?
 - **Marxism:** Do the rich use the poor?
 - **New Right:** Is there an underclass who are lazy and cause crime?
 - **Functionalism:** Are all people useful to society /Britain?

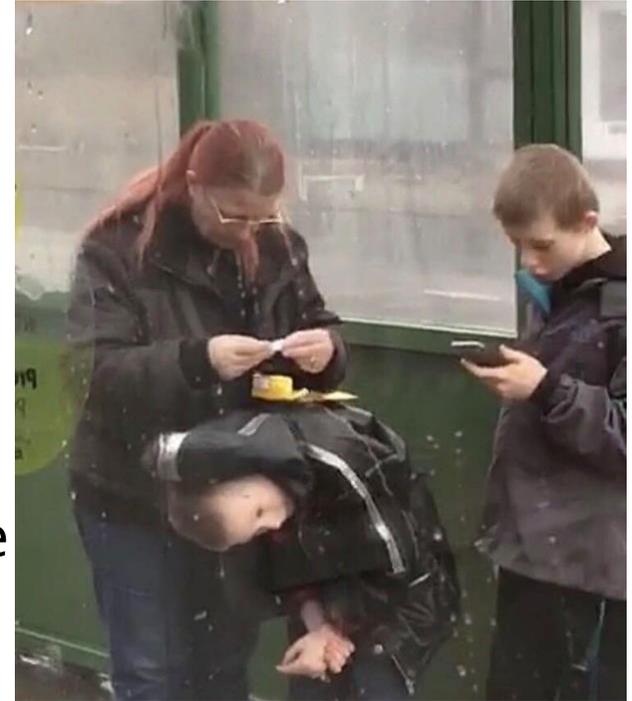
How Sociologists examine the world

Topics include: How Sociologists carry out research. A chance to become sociologists and carry out own research. Ethical issues when conducting research. Evaluation of different methods.

What will you study in Year 9/10?

Families

- What is the ideal family?
- What is the function of the family?
- Do families oppress certain groups/individuals? E.g. feminists would argue the family oppresses women whereas Marxists would argue the family oppresses the working class.
- Are we living in “broken Britain”?
- Is there a dark side to family life?
- How have government policies affected families?
- How do families vary across cultures/countries?



What will you study in Year 10?

Education

- Is school simply a machine that makes us all the same?
- Do we always respect authority?
- What is the 'Hidden Curriculum'?
- Why do males underachieve?
- Why do the lower classes underachieve?
- How have governmental policies changed or influence education?



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What will you study in Year 10?

Crime

- Are all crimes deviant?
- Why do women commit crime?
- Are the lower classes more criminal than middle classes?
- How would sociologists explain the London Riots of 2011?
- Why do some people commit crimes and others do not?
- How do the government control our behaviour?
- Why are males and ethnic minorities 8x more likely to be stopped and searched by police?



What will you study in Year 11?

Social Stratification

- Who has the power in society?
Who controls you?
- Does everyone get the same chances in life?
- What is poverty?
- Do the poor in society cause their own poverty or do the rich exploit the poor?
- How does someone's ethnicity, gender, age or disability affect their chances in life?
- Is the class system still in existence?



Revision and exam masterclasses

In year 11 students will review, consolidate and practice exam technique.

- All units covered in year 9 and 10 will be reviewed and students provided with the tools to ensure they can apply effectively to the exam

Activities in lessons

- Debates
- Opportunity to carry out and analyse your own sociological study
- Using contemporary examples from the world today and applying Sociological concepts, for example students recently applied Sociological theories to the gender pay gap and police stop and search statistics
- Examination practice to ensure you are ready to perform well in your examinations
- Practical activities which help bring Sociological concepts to life, for example “The Marxism Sweet factory” or designing a more effective prison system or school using Sociological research.

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How will you be examined?

2 written exam's:

1 hour 45 minutes
each

(100 marks each)

Multiple choice,
short answer and
essay writing

Paper 1: The sociology of families and education

What's assessed

- The sociology of families
- The sociology of education
- Relevant areas of social theory and methodology

Students will be expected to draw on knowledge and understanding of the entire course of study to show a deeper understanding of these topics.

How it's assessed

- Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 100 marks
- 50% of GCSE

Questions

- Section A has two multiple choice questions followed by a range of short and extended responses.
- Section B has two multiple choice questions followed by a range of short and extended responses.

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Paper 2: The sociology of crime and deviance and social stratification

What's assessed

- The sociology of crime and deviance
- The sociology of social stratification
- Relevant areas of social theory and methodology

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How it's assessed

- Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
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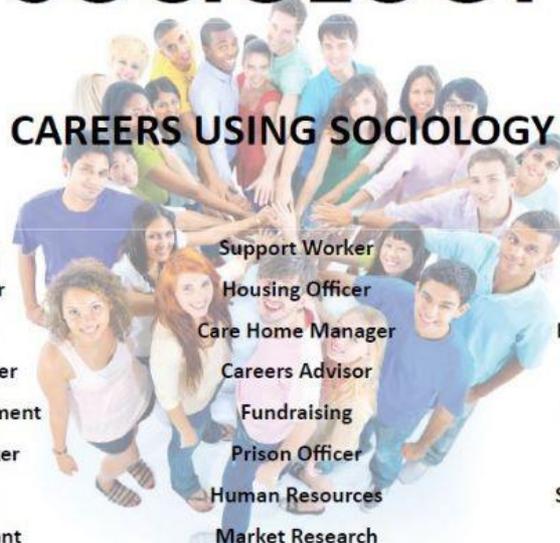
How will sociology help you? Links to careers and future

CAREERS/PATHWAYS

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

SOCIOLOGY

CAREERS USING SOCIOLOGY



Teaching	Support Worker	Public Relations
Counsellor	Housing Officer	Journalist
Lawyer	Care Home Manager	Probation Officer
Police Officer	Careers Advisor	Youth Worker
Local Government	Fundraising	Family Support
Social Worker	Prison Officer	Life Coach
Nursing	Human Resources	Social Researcher
Care Assistant	Market Research	Aid Worker

- By studying sociology, you will develop transferable skills including how to:

1. Investigate facts and make deductions
2. Develop opinions and new ideas on social issues
3. Analyse and better understand the social world

Why Choose Sociology?

- It's **relevant** to you and therefore **interesting!**
- It **answers questions** about the society you live in
- It is a **good companion subject** to History, English, RE and Geography.
- Support from **experienced specialists** with experience of marking for the exam board
- **Strong results**
- A **highly respected** subject by universities
- One of the **biggest and most popular** subjects at both GCSE and A-Level



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