

## GCSE Sociology



## Career Options

Healthcare

Teaching

Criminal Justice

Anything that involves working with people!

## Subject Content

1. The sociological approach - how has sociological knowledge changed over time and how have these ideas informed our understanding of the social world.
2. Social structures, social processes and social issues.
3. Families – what is the role of the family in society?
4. Education - what is the role of the education in society?
5. Crime and deviance – why does crime occur?
6. Social stratification – why is there so much inequality in the world?
7. Sociological research methods – how do we study society?

## Assessment Information

### How is it assessed?

2 x written exams: 1 hour 45 minutes each  
100 marks each  
Each worth 50% of the GCSE

### Question structure:

On both exams:

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.

## Why Study...?

GCSE Sociology helps students to gain knowledge and understanding of key social structures, processes and issues through the study of families, education, crime and deviance and social stratification. Students are asked to look at the world objectively – how does it function – why do people behave in the way they do? Students will develop their communication skills by comparing and contrasting perspectives on a variety of social issues, constructing reasoned arguments, making substantiated judgements and drawing reasoned conclusions.

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