

## Introduction to GCSE Humanities

### Why study Humanities?

Find out more about the important issues that affect you, your friends and the wider community. Health, the Environment, Human Rights, Faith, the Law – these and many more themes are part of GCSE Humanities. You will have the chance to research the issues that matter as well as the space to think about life at home, at school and in the wider world. You will learn skills to help you become involved in debate and decision-making.

This course will help you to understand how our society works and how each one of us can have an important effect on the lives of those around us. If you care about what happens in your life and to your community, then Humanities is for you.

GCSE Humanities is a good preparation for A Levels in Sociology, Law and Politics as well as for GNVQ courses involving the study of people.

### You will study:

- \* Techniques of research;
- \* Issues of citizenship;
- \* Economic and industrial issues;
- \* Environmental issues;
- \* Religious and moral issues;
- \* Issues of health and welfare.

### You will learn the following skills:

- \* How to conduct simple research;
- \* How to interpret and evaluate pieces of information;
- \* How to communicate and apply your knowledge;
- \* Critical thinking and problem solving.

You will have the opportunity to study films, cartoons, personal diaries, news reports and magazine articles.

### Assessment:

The examination papers cover the full range of grades G to A\*. There are three parts to your assessment.

### Coursework

You will write an assignment of about 2000 words based on a small piece of research (an enquiry) relating to a section of the course.

### Paper 1 (2 hours)

Section A: you will answer four questions, one on each of Modules 2, 3, 4 and 5;  
Section B: you will answer one question from a choice of two on Module 6, Health and Welfare.

### Paper 2 (1 hour 15 minutes)

This paper is divided into three sections. It is about techniques of research and contains a range of sources set in the context of Modules 2-6.



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