

Introduction to GCSE Sociology

Why study Sociology?

Sociology is about the study of societies, how they work and how they change. You will learn how societies shape people's ideas and behaviour and how in turn, people interact and shape their societies. You will also have the chance to consider your own experience of the world around you and to develop the knowledge and skills needed to play a part within the community.

The qualification would enable you to move on to further study and is particularly useful if you want to carry on to AS/A Level Sociology.

You will study:

Core Topics:

- * Family and Identity;
- * Power and Citizenship;
- * Education;
- * Work and Employment;

Social Stratification and Methodology are assessed in all examination papers.

Option Topics:

- * Protest and Social Movements;
- * Contemporary Social Changes;
- * Religion;
- * Poverty;
- * Mass Media;
- * Crime, Deviance and Social Control.

You will learn the following skills:

- * How to conduct research;
- * How to interpret and evaluate pieces of information;
- * How to use ICT to access information and produce work, particularly for the coursework enquiry.

Assessment:

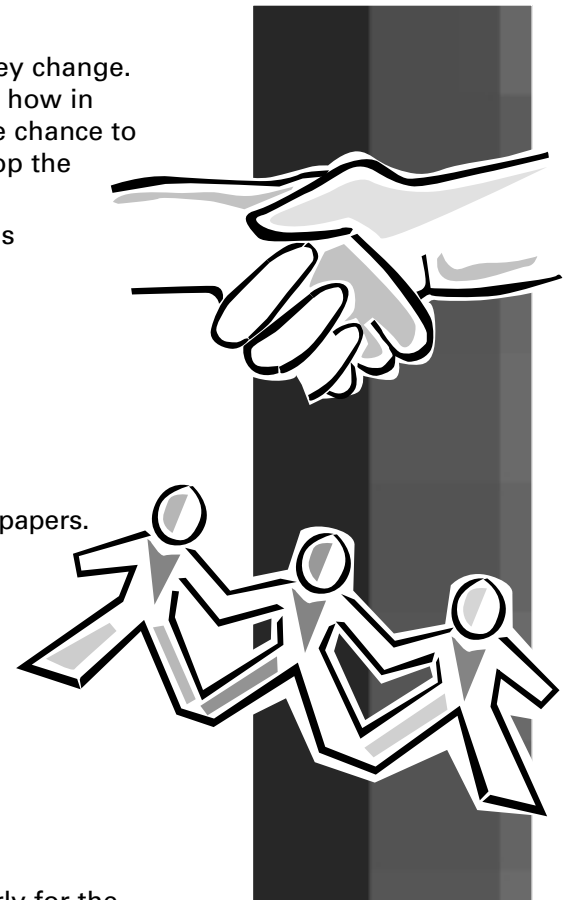
There is a choice between two levels of entry: Foundation and Higher. At Foundation level the grades available are G-C. At Higher level the grades available are D-A*.

Coursework

This involves completing a sociological enquiry of approximately 2000 words. The enquiry should take the form of a sociological investigation using appropriate sociological methods.

Examination

You will take two examination papers (1 hour 30 minutes each). On each paper you will need to answer one data response question and one structured question from the Core Topics, and one structured question from a choice of questions on the Option Topics.



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