

# SOCIOLOGY

## Course Details

The WJEC Eduqas GCSE in Sociology is designed to foster in learners an understanding and critical awareness of the social world around them. The specification focuses on the importance of social structure in explaining social issues. Learners will be encouraged to explore and debate contemporary social issues to enable them to challenge taken-for-granted assumptions and to question their everyday understanding of society. By following this course, learners will develop their own sociological awareness through active engagement with the contemporary social world.

Sociology will develop learners' ability to think sociologically in relation to their experience of the social world around them so that they are able to play a positive, active and informed role in society. The course represents an opportunity for students who are interested in studying the social sciences at level 3 in subjects such as A level Sociology, Applied Criminology, BTEC Health and Social Care, Government and Politics as well as English, Media studies and History.

The course involves 2 units, each comprising a number of topics, these are as follows:

### **Component 1: Understanding social processes**

This involves the following topics: Culture and socialisation, nature vs nurture, the family and social change, Education its purpose and how it has changed over time, research methods.

### **Component 2: Understanding Social Structures 1 hour 45 minutes (50%)**

Theories of inequality, poverty and the causes of deprivation, crime and deviance and applied research.

### **Course Type/exam board:**

GCSE // WJEC

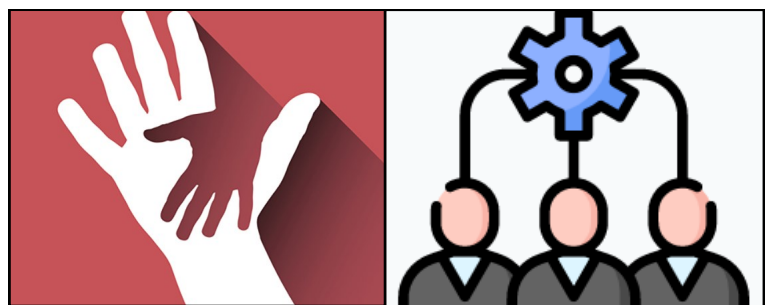
### **Course Availability**

Compulsory? No

Option for all? Yes

### **What subjects combine well with Sociology?**

GCSE Sociology combines well with Media Studies, English, History, Geography and Health and Social Care.



## Teacher View

Sociology is the study of society – how it works, why it works, and how it could change. It's a fascinating subject that covers modern life on the planet.

## How is Sociology assessed?

Assessment	% of GCSE
Exam (1 Hour 45 Minutes)	50
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