

GCSE Sociology

Outline of course

Assessment:

Unit 1 50% of GCSE Understanding Social Processes written paper 1½ hour

Unit 2 50% of GCSE Understanding Social Structures written paper 1½ hour

Both examinations will be sat in Year 11

Students will study society and individuals behaviour in society. Unit 1 will cover topics such as cultures and how they differ and how certain things remain the same and explore how we learn our behaviour and how such socialisation can have an effect on our identity. Alongside this, Unit 1 looks at the mass media and Education. These will involve considering what is meant by mass media, how it can have an impact on people's lives—body image, gender ideals and violence in the media, how educational opportunities can be affected by class, gender and race, different types of education – state versus public education and what other things students learn in school other than the formal curriculum

Unit 2 looks at the structures in society and considers issues such as stereotypes, prejudice, poverty, inequality and power in society. Students will also study crime and deviance considering the definitions of crime and deviance, patterns of crime and who commits what types of crimes.

Coursework requirements

There are no coursework options available.

How parents can help at home

Parents can help by ensuring homework is completed on time and to an acceptable standard.

Also encourage pupils to take an interest in what is happening in society by watching news programmes, documentaries and by reading a quality newspaper.

Furthermore it would be helpful to discuss what changes parents (and grandparents) have seen in society in their lifetime so it highlights to the pupils how society changes over time.