Sociology Optional

Exam board: AQA Course Code: 8192

Outline of course:

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 will develop their analytical, assimilation and communication skills by comparing and contrasting perspectives on a variety of social issues, constructing reasoned arguments, making substantiated judgements and drawing reasoned conclusions.

By studying sociology, students will develop transferable skills including how to:

- investigate facts and make deductions
- develop opinions and new ideas on social issues
- analyse and better understand the social world.

Assessment:

Paper 1:50% of GCSE

• Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes

What's assessed:

- The sociology of families
- The sociology of education
- Relevant areas of social theory and methodology

Paper 2: 50% of GCSE

• Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes

What's assessed:

- The sociology of crime and deviance
- The sociology of social stratification
- Relevant areas of social theory and methodology

Students will be expected to draw on knowledge and understanding of the entire course of study to show a deeper understanding of these topics.

Choose this subject if...

You are interested in understanding more about the society you live in while building a strong foundation of knowledge that can lead to a clear humanities pathway at post 16.

Using case studies like Grenfell we will evaluate our society. We will focus our studies on the areas of the family, our education system, social equality and crime in our society.

In addition, you will gain skills of research with the aspiration of undertaking your own action research within our community.

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