



<b>Subject/Qualification</b>	<b>Sociology GCSE - Eduqas</b>
<b>What is the course about?</b>	Sociology is the study of society. You focus on why people behave the way they do and understand the interactions between groups. Sociologists are interested in why society works in the way that it does and the extent to which our behaviour and opportunities can be shaped by our social class, age, gender and ethnicity. At GCSE we will focus on five key areas in society - families and households, education, crime and deviance, social inequality and research methods. You will have the opportunity to look at some contemporary sociological issues and discuss/ debate these issues within lesson.
<b>How is it assessed?</b>	You will complete 2 exams at the end of year 11. Each exam is 1 hour 45 minutes long and counts for 50% of your final grade. The exams include a number of different question types ranging from multiple choice questions to essay based questions. There is no coursework to complete.
<b>What can you do with this qualification?</b>	Sociology can lead you into many different jobs and careers. Sociology trains you to answer the 'what', 'how' and 'why' questions about human societies and to think critically. Sociology is a subjects that has many transferable skills, (critical thinking, analysis, evaluation and extended writing to name a few) Some possible careers include: Law, police work, teaching, journalism, politics, social work, childcare, youth and community work, healthcare, public relations, tourism, prison work, civil service, and charity work.
<b>Is there a main selling point?</b>	Sociology examines the workings of our everyday world and attempts to make a difference. What could be more important than that? It equips you with a new way of interacting with the world for the rest of your life. Absolutely everything can be looked at from a sociological perspective. You might say everything is sociology. Many students go on to study sociology at A level, showing how valuable and interesting students find the subject.
<b>What are the pre-course requirements?</b>	An interest in society and people. Please have a look at the exam spec for more information - <a href="https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/sociology-gcse/#tab_overview">https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/sociology-gcse/#tab_overview</a> There is a lot of reading and writing involved so a good level of literacy is useful.
<b>What other subject(s) does it combine well with?</b>	Health and Social Care, History, Religious Studies and Geography.

**“The function of sociology, as of every science, is to reveal that which is hidden.”**

*Pierre Bourdieu*