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SOCIOLOGY

Course Summary

COURSE OVERVIEW

Sociology is the study of society, how it functions, and how people interact. It explores how different institutions—like the family, education system, religion, and the legal system—shape our behaviour, beliefs, and opportunities. It teaches to think critically — how it works, why inequalities exist, and how people's lives are shaped by factors like class, gender, ethnicity, religion, and culture.

WHY SHOULD I STUDY SOCIOLOGY?

It gives you tools to understand social institutions like the family, education system, religion, and the justice system. You'll explore how these structures impact people's opportunities, beliefs, and behaviours. It develops critical thinking and analytical skills. You'll learn to question assumptions, analyse arguments, interpret evidence, and evaluate different perspectives.

WHAT COURSES CAN THIS PREPARE ME FOR AT UNIVERSITY?

At university you could go onto study sociology further, or pursue a course in psychology, human resources, criminology, social work, teaching or journalism.

WHAT CAREERS CAN THIS SUBJECT SET ME UP FOR?

Studying Sociology helps you develop critical thinking, analytical skills, and an understanding of diversity and inequality. It can lead to careers in: social work, teaching, law, criminology, journalism, public relations or policing.

COURSE SPECIFICATION

EXAM BOARD: AQA

Paper	Content	Duration	Weighting
1	Education & Theory & Methods	2 hours	33.3%
2	Families & Beliefs in Society	2 hours	33.3%
3	Crime and Deviance	2 hours	33.3%