

Course Title: Sociology  
Examination Board: WJEC  
Qualification: GCSE



## SOCIOLOGY Cymdeithaseg

### COURSE OUTLINE

In Year 10, Unit 1 will be completed which forms 50% of the overall GCSE. The exam is split into two sections, A and B. Section A explores concepts such as socialisation (how one learns their culture), the role of the agents of socialisation like the family, mass media, peer groups and education. This section is examined through stimulus materials. Section B solely concentrates on the Family (family diversity, exploring the reasons for the changing birth and death rates, the changing roles of men and women, the life course – childhood, adulthood to old age and reasons for divorce) and is examined through 3 extended writing questions. The 1½ hour exam will take place in the May of Year 10.

In Year 11, Unit 2 will be completed (builds on the work in Year 10) which completes the GCSE. The exam is split into two sections (just like in Year 10). Section A explores concepts such as power, authority, gender inequality, class inequality, politics and poverty. This section is again examined through stimulus materials. Section B solely concentrates on crime and deviance (crime prevention and punishment, the mass media and crime, recent patterns and trends in crime, victims, female and male crime and the role of the criminal justice system) and is examined through 3 extended writing questions. The 1½ hour exam will take place in the May of Year 11.

### HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

There are two exams that constitute 50% each, one at the end of Year 10 and the other Year 11.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND PROGRESSION

There are a wide variety of Sociology and Social Science courses in further education and higher education. Sociology lends itself well with most other subjects. Sociology students go into a variety of careers, for example, health and social welfare, the media, teaching, sales and marketing, administration, the police force, public relations and financial services.

It is a successful department and students usually agree that 'everyone should do it'. This course provides an excellent introduction to many post 16 courses, in particular AS/A Level Sociology.

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