



Sociology

What do you need to know?

- The course is AQA Sociology
- There are 2 units
- Unit 1 is examined in Year 11 and is worth 50% of the final grade
- Unit 2 is also examined in Year 11 and is worth 50% of the final grade
- There is no coursework or controlled assessment
- More information found at: <http://www.wjec.co.uk/>

What happens in Year 11?

- Students will now be studying for the Unit 2 examination, as well as revising for the Unit 1 paper.
- We study in-depth topics of Crime and Deviance and Social Stratification- students will be expected to answer extended writing/ essay based answers.
- There will also be short response and source based questions on the causes and consequences of inequality and power and authority from institutions and organisations over individuals as well as research methods.

What do students need to do to succeed?

- Come to lessons with a positive 'can do' approach, prepared to learn and with all equipment needed.
- Complete all homework (at least 1 written exam style question every 2 weeks plus varied activities).
- Watch documentaries based on the Unit 2 topics (crime/ prisons/ gangs/ poverty/ politics/ inequality etc).
- Keep up to date with events in the news that relate to these. Reading a newspaper at least once a week can give students valuable up to date examples of current issues.
- Use revision guides given to students in the run up to the examinations.
- Revising keywords regularly/ ensuring revision home work is completed.
- Repeating extended writing if target grade or above is not met.
- Attending revision sessions in the run up to the exam.

How is it assessed?

- 2 x written exams, each exam 1 hour 45 minutes
- 100 marks
- 50% of GCSE