

HIGHER SOCIOLOGY



COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course develops pupils' sense of themselves as part of society. The sociological approach encourages candidates to ask questions about the social world in which we live, and to use evidence to support explanations for human social behaviour.

You will develop knowledge and understanding of the sociological perspectives, theories and concepts used to investigate and explain aspects of the social world. This sociological understanding enables you to question commonly-held assumptions about society and to consider sociological explanations.

Candidates develop:

- an understanding of society through gaining knowledge and understanding of sociological perspectives, theories and concepts
- the ability to challenge common-sense explanations about human social behaviour using sociological understanding and evidence
- an understanding of cultural and social diversity, including the significance of relationships among individuals, groups and institutions in a changing social world
- an understanding of the role of sources of information, research evidence and research methods used in sociology
- research skills, including the ability to select, organise, analyse and evaluate information
- thinking and communication skills used in sociology

AREAS OF STUDY/COURSE STRUCTURE

The National 5 Sociology course consists of three mandatory units.

- Human society
- Culture and identity
- Social issues

RECOMMENDED ENTRY

Candidates must have achieved or be studying Higher English.

ASSESSMENT

There is a two-hour Exam worth 80 marks and an Assignment worth 30 marks which must be completed to achieve this qualification.

PROGRESSION

- Higher/AH Modern Studies
- SCQF Level 6 Criminology
- HNC Social Sciences

FUTURE CAREERS

- Police Officer
- Criminologist Assistant
- Criminal Justice System
- Teaching
- Social Researcher
- Government