

WHAT IS SOCIOLOGY?

Sociology is the study of our society and human behaviour. We look at Crime, Family, Education, Inequality, Cultures, Media and ask the question; Why is our world the way that it is?



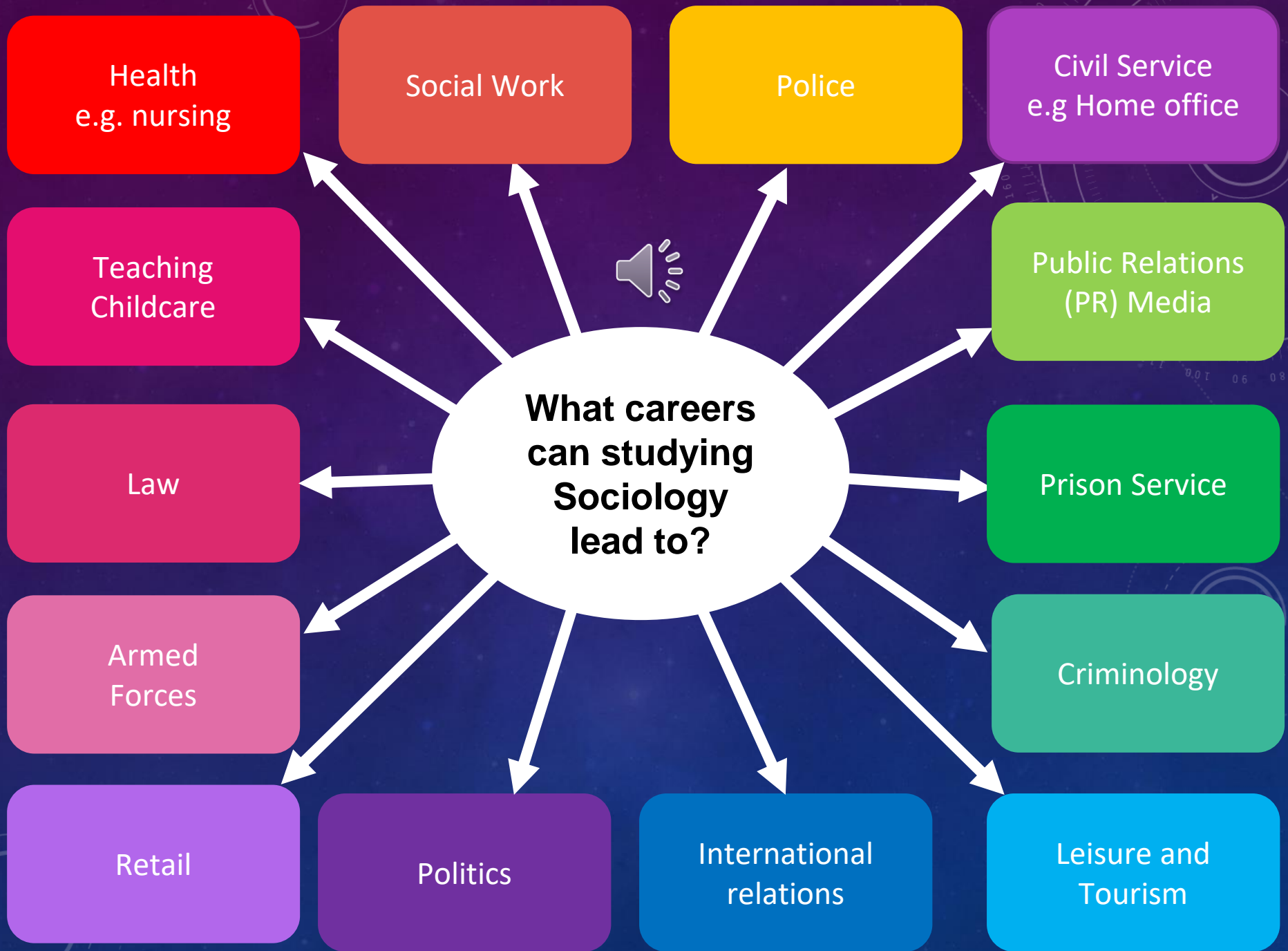
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**IN SIMPLE TERMS.....SOCIOLOGY IS ABOUT
STUDYING PEOPLE.**

SOCIOLOGY IS FOR YOU IF...



- You often find yourself asking why things are the way they are, or why traditions or 'common sense' thinking persist when they don't seem rational or practical
- You find yourself thinking about or are interested in society-wide problems like racism, sexism, crime or wealth and inequality.
- You like to debate
- You have interest in current affairs around the world



WHAT WE WILL STUDY AT GCSE

Layout of the course:



Unit 1

Social Processes (Culture) and Research Methods

Education

Family

Unit 2

Social Stratification (Inequality)

Crime



QUESTIONS ASKED IN SOCIOLOGY...

- How do we find information out about groups in society such as gangs?
- What different cultures are there?
- Can we conduct secret research to find out about hard to reach groups like gangs?
- Why do young, afro-Caribbean boys commit more crime than anyone else?
- Does the media make us panic about different issues such as terrorism, acid attacks, etc?
- What is my culture?
- Why do we have terrorism and fundamentalism in society?
- Why do people commit crimes?
- How do I create my identity?
- How are we kept in control in society?
- Why do people join cults and sects?
- Is Britain still racist? Have we improved?
- Why do girls do better in education than boys?
- Does my social class affect who I am as a person?
- Is there a 'better' family type for children to grow up in?



EXPECTATIONS and ASSESSMENT

- You must be able to write well – marks for questions range from 1 mark up to 15 mark essays. You need good literacy levels.
- While we teach some interesting topics – we do also teach some that you will probably not find as interesting – be aware of this
- You will have two 1 hour 45 minute exams at end of Year 11.



What our students say...

I like learning about Marxism

It is a thought provoking subject

Lots of careers I can apply this course to

Learn about how different people see the world

Helped me understand different aspects of society

Understanding things around me

I enjoy discussions about injustice

Learning about power

Different to other subjects
Good space to debate

Good to have for a career in the Police

Being able to apply it to real life

Allowed me to form opinions on injustices

Sounded interesting - and it is!

It seemed more interesting than other subjects

Learning about Education

Interesting topics

I have enjoyed the crime topic

Discussing Feminism

Develops good evaluation skills

From Sociology I have developed evaluation skills

I like the group work

I really enjoyed studying it at GCSE

Watching clips to help see what happens in society

I wanted to learn about society

Looking at class differences

See how people work together



The background features a dark blue gradient with faint, light-colored technical diagrams. On the left, a large circular scale is visible with numerical markings from 150 to 260. To the right, there are several circular diagrams with arrows indicating clockwise or counter-clockwise rotation. The overall aesthetic is technical and professional.

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