



**PLANNING A
SUCCESSFUL FUTURE**

KEY STAGE 4 OPTIONS

YEAR 10 STUDENTS

MARCH 2025

L2 CERTIFICATE IN SKILLS FOR BUSINESS

OCN



COURSE CONTENT

Year 11

- Unit 1: Customer Service for Business
 - ✓ 20% of the qualification
 - ✓ Internal assessment – Coursework
- Unit 2: Understanding Sources of Finance and Cash flow
 - ✓ 20% of the qualification
 - ✓ Internal assessment – Coursework
- Unit 3: Effective Communication Skills in the workplace
 - ✓ 20% of qualification
 - ✓ Internal assessment - coursework

Year 12

- Unit 4: Understanding Employment Legislation, Contracts and Pay
 - ✓ 20% of qualification
 - ✓ Internal assessment – coursework
- Unit 5: Understanding Recruitment and Selection
 - ✓ 20% of qualification
 - ✓ Internal assessment – coursework



C O U R S E A S S E S S M E N T



- 100% Internal Assessment (CONTINUOUS)
- 5 Portfolio Assignments over two years
- Year 11
 - ✓ 3 Portfolios assessed by your teacher and an external moderator
- Year 12
 - ✓ 2 portfolios assessed by your teacher and an external moderator
- B grade or Fail

SKILLS DEVELOPED



- Financial management skills
- Marketing skills
- Customer service
- Communication and negotiation skills
- Leadership skills
- Project management and planning
- Delegation and time management
- Problem solving
- Job Application skills
- Interview skills
- Team Building skills
- Analytical skills.

CAREER PROGRESSION



- Progress to a Level 3 BTEC in Business
- Apprenticeships in Business
- Higher education in a range of other subject related areas
- Employment opportunities in many industries

WHY CHOOSE BUSINESS?



- Develops a great range of employability skills
- Teaches you real world business knowledge
- Prepares you for further study in a range of subjects
- Gives you a chance to discuss current business affairs
- Gets you work ready, no matter what industry or career you are interested in

CCEA GCSE Digital Technology (Programming Route)

This is a two year course



Content	Assessment	Weighting	Timings
Unit 1: Digital Technology	External written examination 1 hour	30%	Completed in Year 11
Unit 4: Digital Development Concepts	External written examination 1-hour 30mins	40%	Completed in Year 12
Unit 5: Digital Development Practice	Controlled Assessment	30%	Started in Year 11 completed in Year 12



Unit 1 is ICT /Computer Science theory based with a 1-hour exam at the end of year 11 worth 30%.



Unit 4 is about programming, paradigms, algorithms and pseudocode, it is a 1½-hour exam assessed at the end of year 12 worth 40%.



Unit 5 is a controlled assessment completed over 36 hours based on a case study brief, provided by CCEA. The task is planning, design and implementation of a software solution, in Python, for a problem proposed in the case study. The project is worth 30%.



Skills and Qualities required for GCSE Programming

- Being good at Maths and English
- An analytical thinker
- Ability to understand complex instructions in order to create computer code
- Communication skills
- Problem-solving skills
- A Sharp Memory
- Self-Motivation and Independence
- Perseverance to solve a problem
- A genuine interest in programming
- Experience of different programming languages



GCSE Politics

Year 11

- The ideas of power, authority and accountability
- Democracy and Dictatorship
- Decision-making in a democracy
- Elections and voting.
- Political Parties and media
- Taking action in a democracy



Year 12

- Globalisation
- The EU
- Conflict and its resolution (UN/NATO)
- Northern Ireland peace process
- Migration



Methods of Assessment

- 1:30hr exam in Year 11 and 12
- Both worth 50% over overall grade
- Section A short recall questions
- Section B source
- Section C analysis

Success



Key skills



- **Critical thinking**
- **Analysis**
- **Investigation**
- **Decision making**
- **Communication**

Career pathways

- Reporter
- Teacher
- News Anchor
- Solicitor
- Politician
- Police
- Military Officer
- Civil Service Fast Streamer
- Business development manager
- Government social research officer
- Policy officer
- Political risk analyst
- Public affairs consultant





GCSE Media Studies

Why Media Studies?

40%

Coursework

60%

Exam

- **Links to other subjects**
- **Trips/Visits to inform Career Pathway**
- **Clear progression to University**
- **We create/ Computer & Digital Technologies**
- **Progression to A Level**





Progression



- A Level University

- Career – TV/



Photography and many more



What You Will Study?

Social Media

Music Videos

Newspapers

Television

Advertising



CREATE YOUR OWN MEDIA PRODUCTION

Photoshop

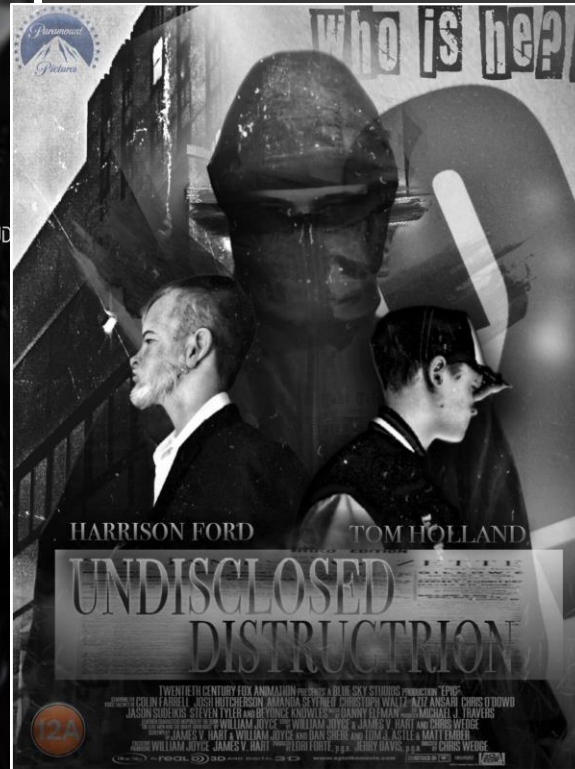
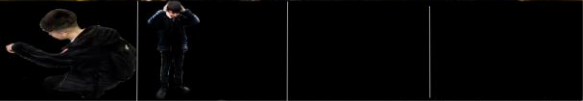


Film Posters

Pupil Work

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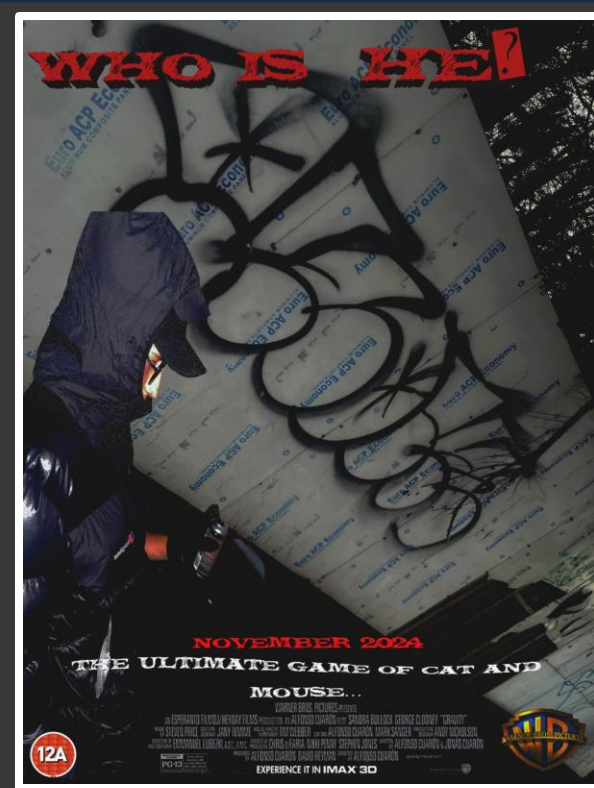
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AQA Sociology



GCSE

Why choose AQA for GCSE Sociology?



GCSE Sociology helps students to gain knowledge and understanding of key social structures, processes and issues through the study of families, education, crime and deviance and social stratification.



By studying sociology, students will develop transferable skills including how to:



- investigate facts and make deductions



- develop opinions and new ideas on social issues

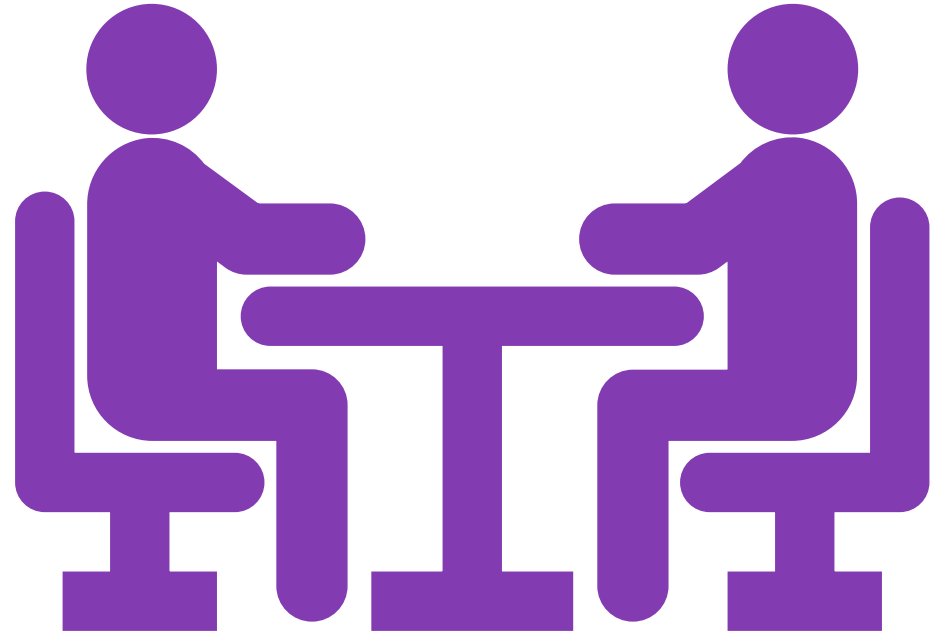


- analyse and better understand the social world

How is it assessed?

100% exam based

2 written exams, each 1 hour 45 minutes.



Paper 1: The sociology of families and education

What's assessed

- The sociology of families
- The sociology of education
- Relevant areas of social theory and methodology

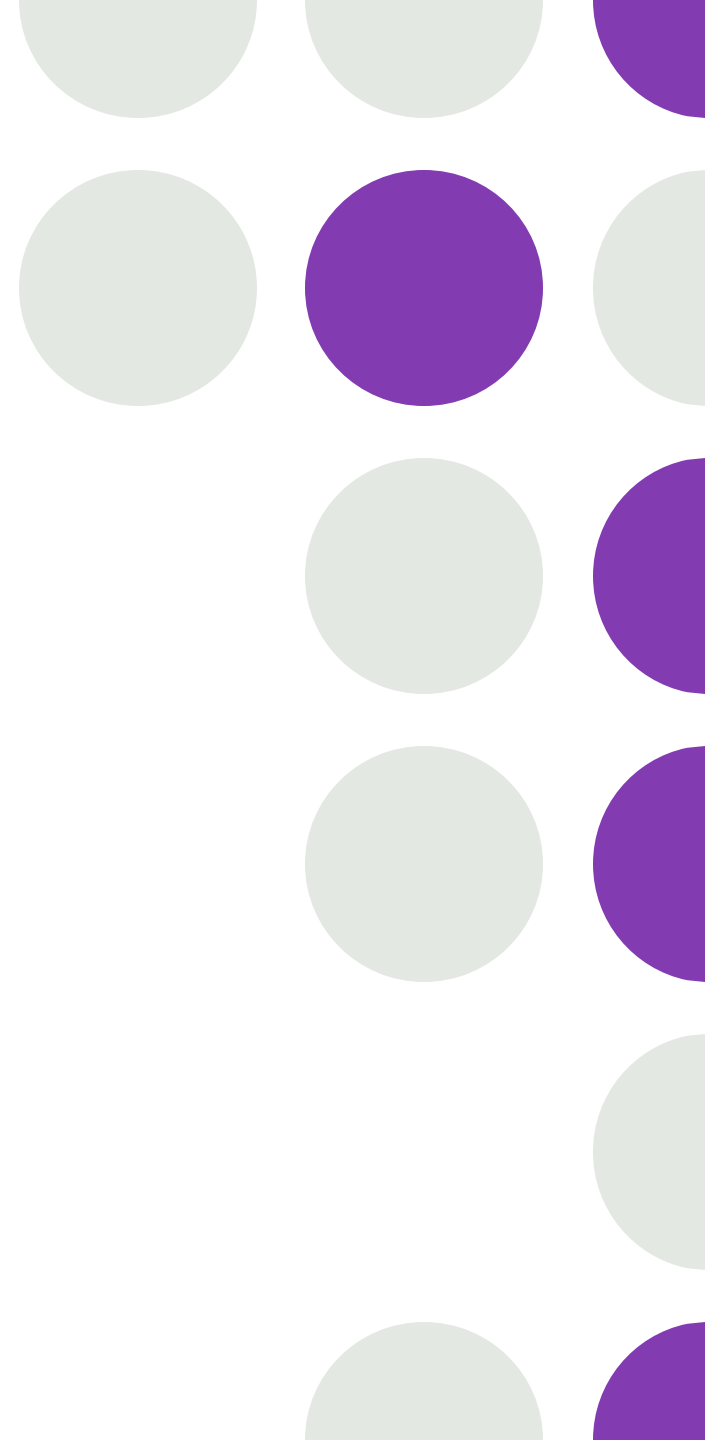
Students will be expected to draw on knowledge and understanding of the entire course of study to show a deeper understanding of these topics.

How it's assessed

- Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 100 marks
- 50% of GCSE

Questions

- Section A has two multiple choice questions followed by a range of short and extended responses.
- Section B has two multiple choice questions followed by a range of short and extended responses.



Paper 2: The sociology of crime and deviance and social stratification

What's assessed

- The sociology of crime and deviance
- The sociology of social stratification
- Relevant areas of social theory and methodology

Students will be expected to draw on knowledge and understanding of the entire course of study to show a deeper understanding of these topics.

How it's assessed

- Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 100 marks
- 50% of GCSE

Questions

- Section A has two multiple choice questions followed by a range of short and extended responses.
- Section B has two multiple choice questions followed by a range of short and extended responses.

Skills developed

- Research
 - Communication
 - Literacy + Numeracy
 - Presentation
 - IT skills
 - Independent learning skills
 - Analytical
 - Investigating facts and drawing conclusions
 - Develop opinions and new ideas on social issues
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Career Progression Routes

- **Social worker**
 - **Human Resources**
 - **Community development worker**
 - **Marketing**
 - **Police officer**
 - **Civil Service administrator**
 - **Counsellor**
 - **Public Relations Officer**
 - **Further education teacher**
 - **Journalist**
 - **Market research**
- **Sociologist**
 - **Solicitor**
 - **Youth Worker**
 - **Administrative Officer**
 - **Charity officer**
 - **Policy Officer**
 - **Teacher**
 - **Advice worker**
 - **Business Analyst**
 - **Probation Officer**
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Why choose this GCSE?



GCSE Sociology helps students to gain knowledge and understanding of key social structures, processes and issues through the study of families, education, crime and deviance and social stratification.



It allows you to explore social issues and form spirited discussions on current up to date topics and policies that are ongoing in today's modern society.



It allows you to develop your opinion and understanding of today's modern contemporary society.



There is no coursework!

A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of a street in a historic city. The buildings are painted in bright colors: a blue building on the left with yellow arched windows and balconies, and a yellow building on the right with white window frames and balconies. The sky is bright blue with scattered white clouds. Numerous small, colorful paper flags in shades of green and yellow are strung across the sky, creating a festive atmosphere. A black street lamp is visible in the lower-left corner.

Spanish...

...is the fourth most widely spoken language globally (including native and non-native speakers) following English, Mandarin, and Hindi.

OCN NI Level 2 Certificate in Modern Languages

Skills developed:
Communication
Teamwork
Time-management
Problem-solving
Creativity

**OCN NI Level 2 Certificate
in Modern Languages**



Assessment:

2 year course without exams at the end

Complete 4 booklets:

reading, writing, listening, speaking

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94%

of languages graduates
are in employment
or further study
within 15 months
after graduation



Careers

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How to complete choices using Microsoft Forms

STEP 1 LINK

- Your parents will be sent a link (via text & Parent App) like this:

<https://forms.office.com/e/03wbphUJvh>

- **PUT** into a web browser and it will take you to this page
- You will also be able to access this from your **Year 10 Team – Subject Choice Channel**
- Complete these details and click **Next**

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Forms survey titled "Key Stage 4, Round 1 Subject Choices, 2025". The form includes the following text and fields:

- Title: Key Stage 4, Round 1 Subject Choices, 2025
- Introductory text: "This is the first stage in the voting process to choose your GCSE subjects. Read all the instructions carefully." and "Hi, Kerry. When you submit this form, the owner will see your name and email address."
- Required field indicator: "* Required"
- Section header: "Open Vote, Round 1"
- Subjects list: "All pupils in Year 11 will study the follow subjects:" followed by a bulleted list: "GCSE English Language (& GCSE English Literature for selected pupils)", "Mathematics (& GCSE Statistics for selected pupils)", and "Learning for Life and Work (Level 2 Public Services/Level 2 Personal Success & Well Being)".
- Non-examination subjects: "Pupils will do the following **NON-EXAMINATION** subjects:" followed by a bulleted list: "PE & Games", "CEIAG (Careers Information Advice & Guidance)", "Pastoral Programme", and "Religious Studies".
- Instructions: "Your subject choices should be made **AFTER** reading the subject booklet, speaking to employers & education providers at the Careers Convention and to pupils at the **Subject Choice Fair**."
- Form fields:
 1. First Name * (text input field with placeholder "Enter your answer")
 2. Surname * (text input field with placeholder "Enter your answer")
 3. Please tick your class: * (radio button options: 10Wa, 10St, 10We, 10On, 10My, 10Gc, 10Ow, 10Cn, 10Do)
- Next button: A blue button labeled "Next" at the bottom of the form.



STEP 2 GUIDANCE

Open Vote, Round 1

All pupils in Year 11 will study the follow subjects:

- GCSE English Language (& GCSE English Literature for selected pupils)
- Mathematics (& GCSE Statistics for selected pupils)
- Learning for Life and Work (Level 2 Public Services/Level 2 Personal Success & Well-Being)

Pupils will do the following **NON-EXAMINATION** subjects:

- PE & Games
- CEIAG (Careers Information Advice & Guidance)
- Pastoral Programme
- Religious Studies

Your subject choices should be made **AFTER** reading the subject booklet, speaking to employers & education providers at the Careers Convention and **to pupils at the Subject Choice Fair.**

- Read this **guidance information section carefully** before making your choices
- If you click on this icon, it makes the text bigger & it will read the information aloud.



Subjects - choose 4 subjects from this list

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Choose **FOUR** more subjects to study from the list below.
2. If you choose Occupational Studies you **MUST ANSWER 5** - choose 2 from this list
3. Remember in some cases you may choose an option which is takes up more than one choice - subjects that take 2 choices:
 - Science Double Award (2 choices)
 - King's Trust (2 choices)



STEP 3

- Choose the subjects you want to study at GCSE
- Remember you are only allowed 4 choices**
- Those in the RED box take up two choices – you must choose it twice
- If you choose Occupational Studies in Q4, you must choose 2 options in Q5

Please select at most 4 options.

- Geography
- Government & Politics
- History
- Travel & Tourism - Award (1 GCSE)
- Travel & Tourism - Cert. (2 GCSEs)
- L2 King's Trust - Personal Development & Employability
- OCN Spanish
- Further Maths
- Religious Studies
- BTEC Hospitality & Catering
- GCSE Digital Technologies - Multimedia ICT
- GCSE Digital Technologies - Programming
- OCN IT Applications
- OCN Skills for Business
- Technology Product & Design
- Double Award Science (must choose twice)
- Double Award Science (must choose twice)
- Single Award Science
- OCN Applied Science
- Art & Design
- Media Studies
- Music
- OCN Performance Skills - Music
- BTEC Sports Studies
- Occupational Studies (choose 2 options in Q5)

5. Occupational Studies - ONLY ANSWER THIS IF YOU CHOOSE OCCUPATIONAL STUDIES IN Q4

Please select at most 2 options.

- Digital Imaging/Digital Video Editing
- Hospitality & Catering
- Carpentry & Joinery
- Engineering
- Sports & Leisure



STEP 4 – SUBMIT

- When you are happy with your GCSE subject choices click **SUBMIT**
- This survey will be live at 5pm on Tuesday 11th March after the Yr10 Parents Consultation
- A link will be sent to your parents and put on your Yr10 Team
- Go home, discuss your options
- Complete form by Thursday 13th March

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Submit





ANY QUESTIONS

WE HOPE THIS MAKES THE GCSE SUBJECT CHOICE PROCESS EASIER TO UNDERSTAND.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES, PLEASE CONTACT:

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