



## SCHOOL LINKS

***Social Sciences***  
***Higher Sociology***

Your school has joined with North East Scotland College to offer you the opportunity to undertake a College delivered qualification as part of your school studies. This information leaflet is designed to answer your questions and explain a bit about the course you will be taking.

## **WANT TO TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT?**

What do we mean by "Society"? Have you ever wondered what makes humans behave in the way they do? How conflict between different groups in society happens? Why some people are wealthy and yet others are still poor? How do we develop a sense of who we are? How your life might be affected in times of great social change? What is meant by "Culture"? How might that influence our identity and behaviour?

If you are interested in answering these questions, then Higher Sociology may be for you!

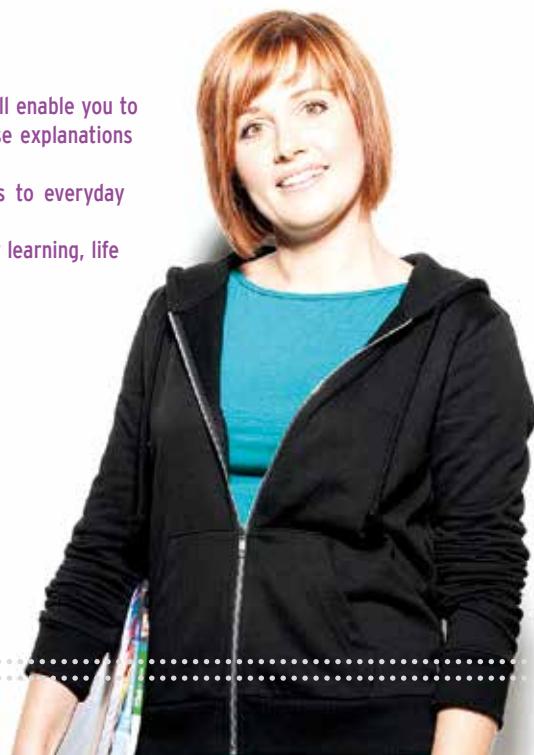
## **WHAT IS IT?**

Higher Sociology introduces pupils to the way in which sociologists study and critically evaluate human societies and how we shape the society we live in and how it in turn shapes our lives.

## **WHAT WILL I LEARN?**

During this course you will:

- Develop a 'Sociological Imagination' which will enable you to question the taken-for-granted common sense explanations of the societies in which we live
- Learn how to apply theoretical perspectives to everyday social life
- Develop valuable research skills and skills for learning, life and work
- Develop skills in critical evaluation



## **HOW WILL I BE TAUGHT?**

You will be taught in school or College by a College Lecturer. You will be taught by means of traditional teaching and lecturing, and also by means of presentations, class discussions and group work activities.

Regular class debates will form an integral part of the course. Use of online philosophical resources will encourage you to explore and research key issues in every day life.

Throughout the course delivery you will be offered an opportunity to review and identify how your skills are developing.

You will be expected to demonstrate:

- Good time keeping skills
- An interest in the course content and a commitment to learning
- An ability to work independently
- An ability to establish and maintain good relationships with others
- Problem solving skills

## **WHAT WILL I STUDY?**

The course is made up of the following three units:

- Sociology: Human Society
- Sociology: Culture and Identity
- Sociology: Social Issues

## **WHAT DO I NEED?**

This course is suitable for learners who have achieved or expect to achieve a National 5 pass in English, Modern Studies, History or Geography, or who are currently studying for a Higher in any of these subjects.

In order to take part in this course:

- You should be ready to start your class at the given time
- You should adhere to the School Pupils Code of Commitment

Being able to access online resources outwith the school or College environment will be an important part of your participation in this course.

Eating and drinking are not permitted in the classrooms. Drinking water is available from water dispensers in the corridors within the College buildings.



## **HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?**

To achieve the course award you must successfully complete all units and attain all the assessments. There will be an assessment for each Unit. In addition, there is an assignment (the assignment will require learners to use sociological skills, knowledge and understanding to carry out and report on a piece of secondary research) and a final external exam in June.

## **WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?**

This course may provide candidates with opportunities to progress to:

- Further study of Social Sciences at a further education establishment or university.

## **WHO DO I SPEAK TO ABOUT THIS COURSE?**

If you are interested in this course and want to find out more about it you should speak to your Guidance Teacher at school.

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It is expected that pupils enrolling on this course will remain enrolled with their school for the duration of the course. Therefore this course is **not** suitable for those school pupils planning on leaving school at Christmas.



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