

Subject: Sociology

Curriculum Leader: Mrs Roberts

A-level specification studied: AQA A

Summer **tasks to get you thinking about your potential new A level**

Task 1:

Imagine you are going to write an essay answering the question 'Evaluate the view that society is becoming more equal'.

What information would you need to know to answer this?

Do you think any of the information you find might be biased, if so why?

Use your independent research skills to find some information that might help you to answer the question.

What does the information say?

Do you have a personal view, if so what is it?

You could choose to plan this essay or, even better, write it!

Task 2:

Five fun learning challenges to undertake before September

1) Search YouTube for the video called 'What Is Sociology?: Crash Course Sociology #1'. Watch this video and note down five things that tell you what Sociology is.

2) Think about what makes up 'society' by answering these questions:

a) List three ways in which British society has changed over the last 100 years.

b) List three ways in which British society is different to another (e.g. America, India)

3) We will consider what makes up our identity. We often feel our identity is impacted by our social group, e.g. class, gender. List four social groups you belong to and explain how being part of that group affects your identity.

4) A key concept in Sociology is socialisation. This is the process where we are taught our society's 'norms and values' – that is, acceptable behaviours and things that we all agree are important or 'right'. Can you think of three places (what we would call structures or institutions, e.g. education) from which we receive socialisation?

5) Research this question 'What is the difference between society and culture?'

Task 3

Begin a paper based or digital scrap book! Cut and paste news article that are related to any of the following topics;

Education

Family

Religious Beliefs or Scientific Beliefs

Crime and/or Deviance

Something to read 📖 📱 📄 📂

- Animal Farm – George Orwell
- 1984 – George Orwell
- Chavs: The Demonisation of the Working Class – Owen Jones
- The Establishment and How They Get Away With It – Owen Jones
- The Handmaid's Tale – Margaret Atwood
- Outsiders: Studies in Sociology of Deviance – Howard S Becker
- Folk Devils and Moral Panics – Stanley Cohen
- A Glasgow Gang Observed – Patrick James
- Gang Leader For A Day – Sudhir Venkatesh
- The daily news – try to use a variety of sources (not just Tik Tok)

Something to watch 📺 📺 📺 📺

- Any documentaries, including Panorama, Louis Theroux, Stacey Dooley, Mind of a Murderer etc
- Black Mirror series (Netflix)
- The 'Up' series (eg. 56 Up, 63 Up) on Netflix or Youtube
- The Secret Life of 5 year olds
- McMafia
- Dangerous Minds
- Chernobyl (drama)
- The Society (Netflix)
- Blood Diamond
- Ted Talks on Sociology
- Adolescence
- Poor Kids (BBC Documentary)

Something to listen to

- Podcasts related to debates on beliefs and science, families, cults and sects, racism, voting, sexism, deprivation and poverty, crime.
- Podcasts of political debates
- Podcasts produced by researchers in sociology

Other useful links for study

<https://www.aqa.org.uk> <https://revisesociology.com/>

<https://www.senecalearning.com/> <https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology>

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology> 7191-

7192 <https://thesociologyguy.com/a-level-sociology/>

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6VpoZj33Df_rNb8KymCczw

<https://napierpress.com/>

Advice from Year 12 students:

‘Prioritise learning perspectives and theorists, and evaluation, as they are the base for other topics.’

‘Keep organised and make revision materials early; there is lots of content so break it down.’

‘Complete homework as soon as you can, it will make your life so much easier if you keep on top of the content. Sociology is hard work but it’s so interesting and worth doing as a subject.’

‘Make flashcards on key thinkers/theories as you go along.’

‘Keep listening to the news as it will have recent real-life examples of events and policies that will be really useful’