



Sociology Curriculum Information - A Level

As students embark on their Sociology A Level course, we thought it would be useful to share an overview of the course.

In Key Stage 5 Sociology:

The examination board for the A Level Sociology course is Eduqas. You can find further information relating to the specification here:

<https://www.eduqas.co.uk/media/heonctwb/eduqas-a-level-sociology-spec-from-2015-e-290119.pdf>

The course is examined over three components;

Component 1 - Socialisation and Culture; written examination: 2 hours 30 minutes 60% of qualification.

Component 2 - Methods of Sociological Enquiry; written examination: 2 hours 30 minutes 20% of qualification.

Component 3 - Power and Stratification; written examination: 2 hours 30 minutes 60% of qualification.

The study of A Level Sociology focuses on contemporary UK society. Studying Sociology fosters the development of critical and reflective thinking with a respect for social diversity. We start the course with an introduction to the core concepts and perspectives in sociology. In Year 12, we study sociological perspectives on the family, education and research methods. In Year 13, we cover perspectives on inequality and sociological approaches to crime and deviance. The sociological perspectives that we study include functionalism, Marxism, feminism and the New Right. There is no NEA in Sociology and the examinations are essay based, and so in lesson time and for homework we focus on developing exam skills and writing practice essays. During lessons, students are also encouraged to take part in class discussions and debates, exploring their own viewpoints as well as the views of the main sociological perspectives. Throughout the course, there is a focus on the use of sociological keywords and subject specific terminology. It is helpful for students to stay up to date with current affairs and events on the news and in politics, as this will help them to develop their understanding of the complex nature of society.

Textbooks and resources: The students will be given an exercise book to make their notes in and to respond to questions. Students should bring this to every lesson. The students will also be given a card folder for further reading booklets, handouts and assessments.

There will be copies of the core textbook for use in lessons, but students are welcome to purchase their own copies for further revision and use at home.

Year 1 student book - WJEC/Eduqas Sociology for AS & Year 1: Student Book by Griffiths and McIntosh

Year 2 student book - WJEC/Eduqas Sociology for A2 & Year 2: Student Book by Griffiths and McIntosh

Useful websites

<https://revisesociology.com/>

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

<https://www.britsoc.co.uk/>

Homework and assessment:

Homework of 4 hours a week will be set in Sociology in order to give the students time to consolidate their understanding of the work covered at school and further develop their essay writing skills. Homework may take the form of further reading and research, or practice questions and exam style assessments.

Revision:

Students will be provided with a range of useful revision resources, including revision booklets, past paper questions and links to useful websites for further reading. There will be revision booklets and powerpoints available on the Google Classroom group and the sociology subject content page available on the school website.

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