

Year 11 Sociology Information



What will my child be expected to know for the GCSE exam?

The specification at a glance is below, however more detailed subject specifications are available at:
www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/gcse/sociology-8192

Students also have 'Learning Journeys' within their exercise books with a breakdown of key content for each topic.

| Paper 1: Families & Education (100 marks, 1 hour 45 minutes, worth 50% of the GCSE) | Paper 2: Crime and Deviance & Social Stratification (100 marks, 1 hour 45 minutes, worth 50% of the GCSE) |
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| Families: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family types Family diversity Social class, ethnicity and the family Sociological perspectives views of the family Conjugal roles The symmetrical family Power Childhood Fertility, marriage and divorce Contemporary social issues and the family Research methods | Crime and Deviance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defining crime & deviance Social order and social control – formal & informal Sociological perspectives views of crime Statistical data on crime Police recorded crime statistics and issues Explaining the relationship between gender, ethnicity, age, class and crime The role of the mass media Research methods |
| Education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The roles of education Informal and formal education Sociological perspectives views of the family Key historical changes in education (key policies) State vs Private education Vocational education How does class, ethnicity and gender affect achievement? The influence of streaming and subcultures Gender differences in subject choice Research methods | Social Stratification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defining social stratification and examples Sociological perspectives views of stratification How is social class measured? Life chances, social mobility, does social class still matter? Inequalities based on gender, ethnicity, age and social class Sociological measurements and explanations of poverty Power relationships Research methods |

The Learning Journey for year 11

**Note within each half term students will have regular learning checks and assessments.*

| Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 |
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| Social Stratification | Social Stratification Autumn Trial exam: Full paper 1: Families and Education | Social stratification Families revision Education revision Spring Trial exam: Full paper 2: Education and Crime and Deviance | Crime revision Research methods revision Social stratification revision Full paper 1 exam: Families and Education | Masterclasses |

How can my child ensure that they are revising in a meaningful way? How can parents/carers support?



- **Purchase a Revision Guide** – they are £5.50 and can be paid for via Parent Pay on the school website. The school offered and recommended one is: *AQA GCSE 9-1 Sociology All-in-One Revision and Practice by Collins*.
- **Purchase the textbook (particularly, useful to aid hitting the higher grades):** *AQA GCSE 9-1 Sociology Student Book (AQA GCSE (9-1) Sociology)*. Note this is not available to purchase through school but easily found via Amazon etc
- **Attend study support Sessions, Monday in WG15.**
- **Learn Key Terms for each topic** – create flashcards with a key term on one side, the definition on the other. (students have key terms booklets)
- **Learn the Key Studies for each topic** – Ensure you are confident in outlining each key study, including the research methods used, the perspective and the overall findings of the study.
- **Create a ‘Knowledge Board’** for each topic – this could include key information, terms, studies, sociologists/perspectives, statistics and contemporary examples.
- Use the resources uploaded to **Show My Homework**.
- Use the school Moodle subject page.
- Read around the subject. Sociology requires an understanding of society so an interest in the News and current events as well as politics will help.
- Seneca app.
- Ensure strong knowledge of Sociological perspectives (e.g Marxism , Feminism etc). These underpin everything in Sociology . A good technique is to take an A3 sheet write the perspective in the middle and around this the key ideas and terms, then around the edges state what the perspectives view would be for each topic (family, crime, education and Social Stratification).
- **Stretch and challenge** : use postmodernism / determinism in evaluations . Use A-level resources/ revision sites to add greater depth for the topics of family, Education and Crime.

What could they do ensure they know how to ‘apply’ this information?

- **Practice planning and writing exam questions on a regular basis** (especially 12 mark question structure). Use the example exam question booklets given at the start of the year (copies also on showmyhomework).
- **Create a ‘success criteria’ for each type of question** (1 mark, 2 marks, 3 marks, 4 marks, 12 marks).
- Print some **past papers** from the AQA website and use the mark schemes to self-assess your own work .

Useful Websites:

- www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/gcse/sociology-8192
- www.getrevising.co.uk
- www.theguardian.co.uk
- <https://thesociologyguy.com/starting-gcse-sociology/>
- Stretch and challenge: <https://revisesociology.com/> / <https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/collections>