

The Sociology curriculum

Sociology curriculum vision

As a school our intention is to increase the life chances and aspirations of our diverse group of students by raising standards of education and providing exceptional experiences. For the Sociology department this means preparing students with core sociological concepts knowledge needed to enhance their sociological imagination and thus their own lives. In sociology we are passionate that our students learn reasons for social differences, including differences in social behaviour, reasons for the differentials in group opportunities and outcomes, the relevance of social hierarchies and social power in everyday life, how individuals and groups are shaped by larger social forces, the role of social institutions and the role of social structures. With this, we aim for our students to have a better understanding of their own life. We aim to develop a 'sociological imagination' in our students which allows them to recognise that their own experiences and circumstance are not unique; rather, there are patterns in behaviours, processes, and opportunities that lead to differences in people's lived experiences, in turn leading to disparities in outcomes. Therefore, in our sociological journey we aim for our students to want a more just, a more equitable, and a healthier world for themselves and others around them, and with this sociological knowledge, they are better poised to achieve this.

Key stage 4 – Units of study Sociology (9-1) AQA 8192

Term	Year 10	Year 11
1	<i>Introduction to Sociology & Sociological Research Methods</i>	<i>Crime and Deviance</i>
2	<i>Families and Households</i>	<i>Crime and Deviance</i>
3	<i>Families and Households</i>	<i>Social Stratification</i>
4	<i>Education</i>	<i>Social Stratification</i>
5	<i>Education</i>	<i>Revision</i>
6	<i>Revision/ address misconceptions</i>	<i>Revision</i>

Key stage 5 – Units of study AQA A-Level Sociology 7192

Term	Year 12	Year 13
1	<i>Research methods</i>	<i>Beliefs in Society</i>
2	<i>Education with Research Methods</i>	<i>Beliefs in Society</i>
3	<i>Education with Research Methods</i>	<i>Crime and Deviance</i>
4	<i>Families and Households</i>	<i>Crime and Deviance & Theory and Methods</i>
5	<i>Families and Households</i>	<i>Theory and Methods and Revision</i>
6	<i>Revision</i>	<i>Revision</i>

Supporting your child with their learning?

The following links will support additional learning to your child.

Year 10 Unit	Additional Learning
Families and Households	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://revisesociology.com/sociology-family-revise/ • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uWN5ymQiUWc • https://www.theguardian.com/uk/commentisfree (search families in the opinion section). Read the news daily if possible or at least an article a week. • https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/blog/meet-the-perspectives-functionalism-part-1 - there are other links to other videos for this unit at the bottom of the page. • https://thesociologyguy.com/ • Family debate/ discussion – how much does family impact you and the decisions you make? Is the family still gendered today?
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.theguardian.com/education - read the news daily if possible or at least an article a week. • https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/reference/quick-revise-perspectives-on-education-aga-gcse-sociology-revision-blast-video-paper-1 - there are other links to other videos for this unit at the bottom of the page. • https://thesociologyguy.com/ • Family debate/ discussion – does the education system exist to help us grow and develop or does it exist to control and prepare us for work?
Research Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=riwT5yxDdDY • https://revisesociology.com/research-methods-sociology/ • https://thesociologyguy.com/

Year 11 Unit	Additional Learning
Crime and Deviance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/reference/evaluating-functional-explanations-of-crime - there are other links to other videos for this unit at the bottom of the page. • https://thesociologyguy.com/ • https://www.theguardian.com/uk/ukcrime - read the news daily if possible or at least an article a week. • Family debate/ discussion – why do people commit crimes?
Social stratification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/topics/stratification • https://thesociologyguy.com/ • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U-Wt5y0Uebk • Family debate/ discussion – which groups are treated the most unfairly in society and why?

Year 12 Unit	Additional Learning
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Families and Households	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.theguardian.com/uk/commentisfree (search families in the opinion section). Read the news daily if possible or at least an article a week. • https://thesociologyguy.com/ • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nXW7-APXR3w&list=PLp8BSCLLWBUAFjZ5Nwgh040nJ_IQwHN-w • https://revisesociology.com/tag/aqa/ - the different topics are at the top of the page. • Family debate/ discussion – how much does family impact you and the decisions you make? Is the family still gendered today?
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.theguardian.com/education - read the news daily if possible or at least an article a week. • https://thesociologyguy.com/ • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FMLFXG5J3KE&list=PLp8BSCLLWBUCY_SBHEYgPBhiPNLnngJnD • https://revisesociology.com/tag/aqa/ - the different topics are at the top of the page. • Family debate/ discussion – does the education system exist to help us grow and develop or does it exist to control and prepare us for work?
Research Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://thesociologyguy.com/ • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sWvg5y045YQ

Year 13 Unit	Additional Learning
Crime and Deviance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.theguardian.com/uk/ukcrime - read the news daily if possible or at least an article a week. • https://thesociologyguy.com/ • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vEESezcc86Y&list=PLp8BSCLLWBUDs1s0ELNAv6WZqGgaQCqCS • https://revisesociology.com/tag/aqa/ - the different topics are at the top of the page. • Family debate/ discussion – why do people commit crimes? Why are certain groups more likely to commit crimes?
Beliefs in Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.theguardian.com/world/religion - read the news daily if possible or at least an article a week. • https://thesociologyguy.com/ • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q-jwcMj13Gg&list=PLp8BSCLLWBUA7ui9joL_vXJleEvfQct8V • https://revisesociology.com/tag/aqa/ - the different topics are at the top of the page. • Family debate/ discussion – why is Britain becoming less religious? Why do people join religious fundamentalist groups?
Theory and methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://thesociologyguy.com/ • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D6DI-9pSW-4&list=PLp8BSCLLWBUCFDhSWN6Iz3URxLDmceJ2 • https://revisesociology.com/tag/aqa/ - the different topics are at the top of the page.