



SOCIOLOGY

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SUPPORT

Exam technique lessons are integrated into the course so you will get the support you need in lessons as and when you need it. We also run support sessions for targeted and focused guidance and operate an open door policy so just find us in our classrooms if you need any extra guidance.

INTRODUCTION

From the moment you step into the sociology classroom you will be asked to reexamine the social world around you through the new lens of a sociologist. Your first lesson will be an introduction to the subject informing you of everything you need to know about how you will be studying the subject, particularly useful to those of you who are new to sociology. After this you will start to learn about education, families, theory and methods.

WHAT TO BRING FOR YOUR FIRST LESSON

Every lesson you should bring with you a lever arch file to keep all your class notes in and work booklets that will be provided by the department. You will need A4 lined paper, standard stationery and ideally a pack of 3 different coloured highlighters. If you want to be really prepared for your first lesson, you could investigate the following questions: what is sociology? What topics are included in AQA A Level Sociology?

CLASSWORK, HOMEWORK AND INDEPENDENT STUDY

In lessons you will learn about a range of aspects of society from a sociological perspective. There will be a variety of learning activities which would include collaborative tasks, independent learning activities, research and homework tasks. It is important that you create a well organised file representing your learning for each topic which you will then use for the exam. To be successful at A Level it is advised that you spend an hour outside of lessons for every hour of timetabled lessons dedicated to homework and independent study. In Sociology you will be asked to complete a variety of tasks such as preparing for debates, consolidating notes, completing research, reading research and newspaper articles and completing examination questions.



RESOURCES

You will be provided with a textbook for each year of study (AQA A Level Sociology Book One and Two: Webb, Westergaard, Trobe and Townend). Further texts can be borrowed from the library, along with the Sociology Review. Hundreds of electronic resources are available on our online resources.