

# sociology.

A Level Preparation Pack



## Overview

We look forward to welcoming you to the College. We have an experienced team who will help you every step of the way on your A Level journey. To aid you in your transition to sixth form college, we have collated a range of resources that will get you thinking sociologically. We hope you find these interesting and they confirm your decision that Sociology is the right course for you!

## Activity

**Wife Swap** - <https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x31wjbu> - while watching the video think of the following and try answering these questions:

- What is the purpose of the show?
- What is the role of the husbands and wives in the show?
- How did Mark feel when Emma said she couldn't cook?
- What differences in family structure do you note?
- Is there anything ethically wrong about this show?

## Films

- **I, Daniel Blake** - Looks at the cycle of deprivation and poverty impacting unemployed families
- **Freedom Writers** - Gives insight to issues of ethnicity in education and labelling theory
- **Pride** - Explores sexuality as well as an insight into New Right theorists
- **Hotel Rwanda** - An insight into global development and conflict
- **The Breakfast Club** - Gives a glimpse of prejudice, stereotypes and hierarchies in education

## Reading

### \* **AQA A Level Sociology Book One**

Contains all content for secure sociological knowledge

### \* **Why I'm no longer talking to white people about race**

Discussion of race and racism embedded in society

### \* **The Bottom Billion**

Challenges of poverty in deprived countries

## Documentaries



- ◇ **The Mask You Live In** (Netflix) - explores how our culture's narrow definition of masculinity is harming our boys, men and society.
- ◇ **Miss Representation** (Netflix) - explores the under-representation in the media of women in positions of power and influence in America
- ◇ **The Emperor's New Clothes** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FPLMEylDePE> - explores the exploitative nature of capitalism where many are poorly paid
- ◇ **Louis Theroux: Love Without Limits** – BBC IPlayer <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b0br9vrx/louis-theroux-altered-states-1-love-without-limits> - documenting Americans who participate in polyamorous relationships
- ◇ **Louis Theroux: My Scientology Movie** – Available on Amazon Prime - battling the Church of Scientology to uncover hidden truths

## Podcasts



All available on Spotify

### The Sociology Show

<https://bit.ly/2WKXCC4>

Listen to interviews with high ranking researchers in the world of sociology

### Marx Madness

<https://bit.ly/2Zg9IVi>

Discussions on the most important works of Karl Marx

### Revise – A Level Sociology Revision

<https://podcasts.google.com/?q=sociology>

Breaking down complicated revision to its core components by other students

### Sociology Matters

<https://bit.ly/3e0lm9U>

Discussing all things sociology and how it impacts you

## Course Specifications



<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192>