

# Preparing for A Level Sociology

Summer Work 2024



## Welcome to Sociology

Hello future Sociologists! A massive warm welcome to the Social Sciences department at Derby Cathedral School. This booklet contains useful tasks for you to complete to prepare you for A Level Sociology. These tasks have been designed to give you a flavour of what A Level Sociology is all about and will introduce you to some core sociological concepts to aid your understanding ready for September. You need to have completed all of the tasks before our first lesson in September. You will need to hand it into your class teacher during your first lesson.

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We are looking forward to welcoming you in September!

### Key Information

<b>Exam Board</b>	AQA
<b>Specification Exam Past Papers and Mark Schemes</b>	<a href="https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192/subject-content-a-level">https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192/subject-content-a-level</a> <a href="https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192/assessment-resources">https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192/assessment-resources</a>
<b>Textbooks</b>	We have class copies of the textbook that you are more than welcome to borrow and return. If you do wish to purchase your own copy, the links are below: Year 12: <a href="https://amzn.eu/d/2SnuOTp">https://amzn.eu/d/2SnuOTp</a> Year 13: <a href="https://amzn.eu/d/ckD60kf">https://amzn.eu/d/ckD60kf</a>
<b>Revision Guides</b>	We have class copies of the revision guides that you are more than welcome to borrow and return. If you do wish to purchase your own copy, the link is below: Year 12 & 13: <a href="https://amzn.eu/d/dtAIMcu">https://amzn.eu/d/dtAIMcu</a>
<b>Organisation</b>	Organisation is the key to success with your A Levels. When you arrive in September , you will be provided with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A student handbook</li><li>• An assessment folder</li><li>• Class copies of the textbook and revision guide (these will stay at school)</li><li>• Online copies of the work</li><li>• Printed worksheets</li></ul> You will need to bring the following equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A folder for year 12 and year 13</li><li>• Folder dividers (x4 for year 12 and x3 for year 13)</li><li>• Lined paper OR a hole punched exercise book to go into your folder (can be provided)</li><li>• Plastic wallets</li><li>• Black pen, purple pen, highlighters and pencil</li></ul>

## **Task 1 – Introduction to Sociology**

This first task gives you an introduction to sociology in general and covers some of the topics you will study in Year 12. Work through the learning within the assignment and complete the tasks as you get to them. All parts of the assignment should be completed.

1. Log onto Seneca or create a new account.
2. Search for the course 'Sociology: AQA A Level Preparation – Summer 2021'.
3. Complete the course.
4. Once complete, take a picture/screenshot that you have completed the course as evidence.



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## **Task 2 – How is the family defined?**

In the Families and Household topic, you need to be able to define and explain different types of families. Using the links below to help you as well as your own research, you need to create a key term dictionary with the family types below and their definition.

- Household
- Family
- Nuclear family
- Extended family
- Beanpole family
- Matriarchal family
- Patriarchal family
- Same-sex family
- Single-parent household
- Living apart together (LAT)
- Cohabiting couples
- Empty shell relationship
- Empty nest family
- Single/lone-parent household
- Reconstituted families/blended families
- Symmetrical families
- Neo-conventional family

<https://revisesociology.com/2017/05/05/sociology-concepts-families-households/>

<https://revisesociology.com/2016/08/08/defining-the-family/>

<https://hecticteachersalevelsociologysite.wordpress.com/what-is-a-family/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yaeiCEro0iU>

### **Task 3 – How might the type of family we live in change over our life course?**

During our lives, our family types often change. For example, you might grow up in a nuclear family but then your parents may get divorced, so you become a reconstituted family or live in a lone parent family. Once you leave home, you might move in with your partner and enter a cohabiting family and so on.

I would like you to track the life course of somebody who is in late adulthood to see how families change over time. This could be a relative, a celebrity or a friend.

Success criteria:

- Draw a timeline to demonstrate how their family types have changed over time
- Refer to the different family types from task 2

### **Task 4 – Enrichment Opportunity**

Once you start Sociology, you must actively use it in your everyday life. This includes engaging with wider enrichment opportunities. Each week your teacher will ask you to make a log of something you have listened to (e.g. podcast), watched (e.g. series/YouTube video/film) or read (e.g. article/book) that relates to Sociology. We have a long list of suggestions for you that we can share in September. In order to prepare over the summer, we would like you to pick **one** of the suggested enrichment opportunities below and write a summary paragraph about it (you can pick an alternative source if you discover something interesting and relevant).

<b>Read it</b>	<b>Watch it</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ain't I a Woman? Black Women and Feminism, Bell Hooks</li><li>• Gang Leader for a Day, Sudhir Venkatesh</li><li>• Respectable: The Experience of Class, Lynsey Hanley</li><li>• The Call of the Weird: Travels in American</li><li>• Me and White Supremacy</li><li>• Nations</li><li>• I am Malala, Malala Yousafzai</li><li>• McMafia: Seriously Organised Crime, Misha Glenny</li><li>• The Power, Naomi Alderman</li><li>• There ain't no Black in the Union Jack, Paul Gilroy</li><li>• Invisible Women, Caroline Criado Perez</li><li>• Shattered-Modern Motherhood and the Illusion of Equality, Rebecca Asheer</li><li>• Girl Up, Laura Bates</li><li>• Everyday Sexism, Laura Bates</li><li>• White Teeth, Zadie smith</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Back to School with Mum and Dad</li><li>• Black and British: A Forgotten History</li><li>• Beyond the Asylum</li><li>• Harrow: A Very British School</li><li>• Educating Essex/Yorkshire</li><li>• Secret Life of Four Year Olds</li><li>• The Doctor Who Gave Up Drugs</li><li>• Catfish</li><li>• East is East</li><li>• Made in Dagenham</li><li>• The Kids are All Right</li><li>• Black Mirror</li><li>• The Circle</li><li>• Hidden Figures</li><li>• Pride</li><li>• The Help</li><li>• The Social Network</li></ul>

### **Task Checklist**

<b>Task</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>✓</b>
1	Seneca assignment complete	
2	Key term dictionary (family definition)	
3	Timeline (how families have changed over time)	
4	Enrichment task	