



Sixth Form Handbook  
Sociology

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## About the course

### A-Level Sociology

#### Why study A-Level Sociology?

Sociology is the study of human society and how we experience human life. It is a very popular subject at Poole High School with growing numbers each year. Sociology has a contemporary feel linking classic studies with what is happening in the world today. A Level Sociology complements most other A Levels; however we would recommend that Sociology is a great choice of subject for people who want a career in social work, nursing or medicine and is also useful in a number of other careers, like marketing, advertising, PR, journalism, law or teaching.

#### Topics include:

- **Education:** The role and function of education; The achievement of social groups.
- **Research Methods:** Data used within research and their strengths and limitations.
- **Families and Households:** The changing and diverse nature of the family.
- **Beliefs in Society:** Religious organisations including cults, sects and NRMs.
- **Crime and Deviance:** Globalisation and crime in contemporary society.

#### Which students do well at A-Level Sociology?

- ...those who have an interest in news and current affairs.
- ...those who want to develop their essay writing skills further using evidence to support arguments.
- ...those who have an interest in society and wish to learn about the inequalities between rich and poor, male and female, and ethnic minorities.
- ...those who have an appreciation of the global changes in the world today and would like to develop this knowledge further.

# How you will be assessed

## AS Year (First year)

### Paper 1

Education with Research Method

1 hour 30 mins - 50% of AS level

### Paper 2

Research Methods and Families and Households

1 hour 30 mins - 50% of AS level

## A Level (Second year)

### Paper 3

Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods

2 hours - 33.3% of A-level

### Paper 4

Research Methods and Families and Households

2 hours - 33.3% of A-level

# Course Reading List & Materials

## Books

- Succeed at A Level Sociology Book One Including AS Level: The Complete Revision Guide
- Student Support Materials for Sociology - AQA AS Sociology Unit 2: Education with Research Methods
- Student Support Materials for Sociology - AQA AS Sociology Unit 1: Families and Households

## Useful websites

[www.slideshare.net/aprichelle/as-soc-revision](http://www.slideshare.net/aprichelle/as-soc-revision)

[www.s-cool.co.uk/a-level/sociology](http://www.s-cool.co.uk/a-level/sociology)

<https://getrevising.co.uk/>

<http://www.esociology.co.uk/>

<http://www.sociology.org.uk/>

## Tasks before September

A key part of doing well in Sociology and enjoying it is keep up with the news and relating what is happening in society now to what we are covering in lessons. To help you to get started with your family unit you need to **find articles to do with the following issues...**

- Patterns of marriage and divorce, are they going up or down? Why?
- Domestic violence and control in the home
- Women and the work place, inequalities that women face, changes in the law and how things have changed.
- How children and brought up, issues surrounding being a child or teenager.
- How are the elderly cared for and by who? What issues does this bring up for the government? What older people are there who are good role models?
- Who does what in the home and if it is fair.
- What is the government doing to support families?
- How has role of women and men has changed?
- Adverts and images that reinforce gender stereotypes.
- Divorce, causes and effects.

Good newspapers to find articles in are:

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk>

<http://www.independent.co.uk>

You need to bring in a MINIMUM of 3 articles.

Print them off, read them, under each article bullet point 5 key points, 3 questions and 3 of your own viewpoints. We will be using these articles as an introduction to the course. This will provide you with an invaluable set of contemporary examples to boost your grades for the exam.

## Who can I contact for help?

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