

Sociology: Education and Research Methods in Sociology. A Level Year 12

A successful A Level Sociology student seeks to critically analyse the social world as we know it. They have a passion for questioning the dynamics and structures within society, through engaging with sociological research and debate. A Level sociologists confidently apply key terminology to assess, explain, and evaluate sociological issues, to reach well-balanced conclusions. These skills should be applied within well-structured essays which challenge students to describe, explain, analyse and evaluate across a range of question styles. Students will also investigate methodological approaches to sociological study, and seek to investigate how and why research is carried out, and evaluate research perspectives, methods and contexts with confidence and inquisitiveness.

Summary of course content

PART 1: Education	PART 2: Research Methods
Autumn 1: - What is sociology?- bridge test - 1 Theories of education Autumn 2: - 2 External factors - 3 Internal factors and class Spring 1: - 4 Ethnicity - 5 Gender Spring 2: - 6 social policies - start research Methods- 7 choosing a research method	Summer 1: - 8 education the research context - 9 experiments - 10 questionnaires Summer 2: - 11 interviews - 12 participant observations - 13 sources

You can find the AQA specification here: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/a-level/sociology-7192/specification>

Weekly:	• Completion of set work as outlined in the grid below
Fortnightly:	• Review of recent lessons, write up lessons, learn key terminology, produce revision resources such as cards and mind maps of areas studied . • Make sure books are organised, neat, work lesson notes complete, work fastened in books • Independent Study Folder (ISF): this will be checked fortnightly by your tutor and logged.
Half termly:	• Revision: Review knowledge quizzes. Review topics and produce revision resources, e.g., flashcards, mind maps, posters, etc. • Complete blank knowledge organisers for topics correct answers
After each topic/ unit	• Syllabus-make sure you have revision notes for each area studied, RAG it (Red don't understand amber ok Green go) go back through red/ Amber areas you are not sure of, make notes do exam questions • Using planning exam question books work through answers for each topic prioritise the ones you don't know • Download exam paper (A LEVEL) from AQA website, complete in timed conditions, mark using mark schemes and examiners reports https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/a-level/sociology-7192/assessment-resources

In addition to those provided for specific tasks by your teacher, resources include:

TEAMS: knowledge organisers; lesson PowerPoints and reference materials; end of unit summaries.

Recommended sites for independent research:

- Tutor2U: <https://www.tutor2u.net/free/sociology/p2?search&type%5B0%5D=3439>
- Hectic Teacher: <https://www.hectic-teacher.co.uk/>
- The Sociology Guy: <https://thesociologyguy.com/crime-and-deviance/>
- The Sociology Teacher: <https://www.thesociologyteacher.com/>

Independent Learning Schedule – two hours directed by each of your teachers (subject to change):

- **KEY WORD GRIDS**
- **WORK BOOKLET**
- **REVISION MATERIALS**
- **ESSAY PLANNING**
- **KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER QUIZ REVISION**
- **RESEARCH PROJECT**
- **ESSAY QUESTION (set as independent work alongside regular in-class essays in timed conditions)**

Week beginning	Teacher: Miss E Wetherall
7th September	- Complete what is Sociology work booklet - Revision for knowledge organiser quiz
14	- Fill in key word grid for topic 1. Theories - Complete what is Sociology work booklet - Revision for bridge test - Revision for knowledge organiser quiz
21	- Complete pages 39-47 in work booklet - Revision for knowledge organiser quiz - Bridge test on introduction to sociology topic
28	- Complete pages 39-47 of work booklet. - Revision for knowledge organiser quiz
5 th October	- Complete pages 39- 47 of work booklet. - Revision for knowledge organiser quiz
12	- Complete pages 39- 47 of work booklet - Revision for knowledge organiser quiz.
19	- Revision for knowledge organiser quiz - Revision material creation for topic - Plan and write end of topic essay (topic 1)
26	HALF TERM
2 nd November	- Fill in key word grid for topic 2 external factors. - Revision for knowledge organiser quiz. - Complete pages 1-8 in work booklet.
9	- Revision for knowledge organiser quiz. - Complete pages 1-8 work booklet.
16	- Revision for knowledge organiser quiz. - Complete pages 1-8 in work booklet. - Revision material creation for topic - Plan and write end of topic essay (topic 2)
23	- Fill in key word grid for topic 3-internal factors - Revision for knowledge organiser quiz - Complete pages 8-16 in work booklet.
30	- Revision for knowledge organiser quiz - Complete pages 8-16 in work booklet.
7th December	- Revision for knowledge organiser quiz

	- Complete pages 8-16 in work booklet.
14	- Revision for knowledge organiser quiz - Complete pages 8-16 in work booklet - Revision material creation for topic - Plan and write end of topic essay (topic 3)
21	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
28	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
4 th January	- Fill in key word grid for topic 4 Ethnicity - Revision for knowledge organiser quiz - Complete pages 17-25 work booklet
11	- Revision for knowledge organiser quiz - Complete pages 17-25 work booklet
18	- Revision for knowledge organiser quiz - Complete pages 17-25 work booklet - Revision material creation for topic - Plan for end of topic essay (topic 4)
25	- Fill in key word grid for topic 5 Gender. - Revision for knowledge organiser quiz - Complete pages 26-36 work booklet
1 st February	WORK EXPERIENCE
8	- Revision for knowledge organiser quiz - Complete pages 26-36 work booklet
15	HALF TERM - Revision for knowledge organiser quiz - Revision material creation for topic - Plan end of topic essay (topic 5)
22	- Fill in key word grid for topic 6 Social Policies . - Revision for knowledge organiser quiz - Complete pages 46-55 of work booklet
1 st March	- Revision for knowledge organiser quiz - Complete pages 46-55 of work booklet - Complete revision clock for Theories
8	- Revision for knowledge organiser quiz - Complete pages 46-55 of work booklet - Revision material creation for topic - Plan end of topic essay (topic 6) - Complete revision clock for external factors
15	New Topic- Research Methods - Fill in key word booklet for topic 7 choosing a research method - Revision for knowledge organiser quiz - Complete pages 1-8 of work booklet - Complete revision clock for internal factors
22	- Revision for knowledge organiser quiz - Complete pages 1-8 of work booklet - Complete revision clock for ethnicity - Revision material creation for topic - Plan end of topic essay (topic 7)
29	EASTER HOLIDAYS - Education- complete paper (not research Methods part)
5 th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
12	- Fill in key word booklet for topic 8 education and the research process - Revision for knowledge organiser quiz - Complete pages 9-12 of work booklet

	- Complete revision clock for gender
19	- Revision for knowledge organiser quiz - Complete pages 9-12 of work booklet - Complete revision clock for social policies - Revision for knowledge organiser quiz - Revision material creation for topic - Plan end of topic essay (topic 8)
26	- Fill in key word booklet for topic 9 experiments - Revision for knowledge organiser quiz - Complete pages 13-18 of work booklet - Complete revision clock for social policy
3 rd May	- Revision for knowledge organiser quiz - Complete pages 13-18 of work booklet - Revision material creation for topic - Plan end of topic essay (topic 9) - Revision for Education trial exam
10	- Fill in key word booklet for topic 10 questionnaires - Revision for knowledge organiser quiz - Complete pages 19-24 of work booklet - Revision for Education trial exam
17	- Revision for knowledge organiser quiz - Complete pages 19-24 of work booklet - Revision material creation for topic - Plan end of topic essay (topic 10) - Revision for Education trial exam
24	- Revision for knowledge organiser quiz - Fill in key word booklet for topic 11 interviews - Complete pages 25-34 of work booklet - Revision material creation for topic - Plan end of topic essay (topic 11) - Revision for Education trial exam
31	HALF TERM Revision for Education trial exam
7 th June	- Revision for Education trial exam
14	- Revision for Education trial exam
21	- Revision for Education trial exam
28	- Fill in key word booklet for topic 12 observations - Complete pages 35-44 of work booklet - Revision for knowledge organiser quiz
5 th July	- Revision for knowledge organiser quiz - Complete pages 35-44 of work booklet - Revision material creation for topic - Plan end of topic essay (topic 12)
12	- Fill in key word booklet for topic 13 Sources - Revision for knowledge organiser quiz - Complete pages 45-53 of work booklet
19	- Revision for knowledge organiser quiz - Complete pages 45-53 of work booklet - Revision material creation for topic - Plan end of topic essay (topic 13)
	- over summer holidays - Full Education and Research Methods paper RAG Education and research methods ensure revision resources complete and go through areas not sure of using text book websites