

Year 9 Sociology Curriculum

Spring Term 2018-19



Curriculum Content	Assessment	What homework will they have?	I'm not an expert, so how can I help?
<p>What will my child be studying this term?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do sociologists go about their research? • How do sociologists select samples? • How do sociologists collect and analyse data and evaluate their research? • What sorts of ethical issues arise during the research process? • What are the links between sociology, social policies and social problems? <p>Content covered: The curriculum within Sociology for Year 9 is intended to provide an introduction to the subject by exploring the key themes and perspectives and investigating and applying the systematic methods used to study society. This will build a strong foundation for the introduction to different topics as well as a comprehensive understanding of the examination requirements.</p>	<p>Half-termly assessment scheduled throughout the year.</p>	<p>One piece of homework is set per fortnight.</p> <p>Homework tasks include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice Exam Questions • Research tasks • Reading tasks • Several other skills-based tasks. <p>Exercise books are available to take home at least once per fortnight for students to review and consolidate content and skills covered in lessons and for parents to monitor effort, progress and quality of both class work and homework.</p>	<p>Please refer to the What can I do to help my child? and Additional resources sections of this document.</p>
<p>Literacy and numeracy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glossary terms • Making sense of statistical information • Identifying trends and changes 			
<p>What can I do to help my child?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support them in finding secondary sources of data on schools, crime statistics and opinion polls • Review data on ethnic composition of UK population, GCSE results and employment rates by ethnicity • Explore media representations of crime and anti-social behaviour • Please regularly go through your child's class notes and monitor their progress • Please ensure that homework is being completed with the utmost effort • Discussion about topics in the news can always be linked to our studies so keeping students up to date with contemporary affairs will be beneficial • Insist that absence from lessons must be followed by meaningful catch up exercises (full support will be offered) • Watch sociological programmes on TV or films that allow for sociological scrutiny (details available from teaching staff) • Encourage students to read Sociology books beyond the designated course textbook. 			

Additional resources and details of core texts used:

- The Independent Study Centre (ISC) is a good starting point for various resources, including access to copies of the core textbook and revision guide. In addition, you can find many Sociology texts at your nearest Warwickshire Library (www.warwickshire.gov.uk/findalibrary)
- The core text book and revision guide used in lessons are those published by Hodder (www.hoddereducation.co.uk/sociology). [Textbook ISBN: 9781510403116, Revision Guide ISBN: 9781510423237]
- The internet is full of sociological information to help your child. Nevertheless, please ensure the content is at the right level for your child to use effectively. Please discourage direct copying from internet sites. Written work must be in the students' own words
- A collection of revision notes are available here (www.tutor2u.net/sociology/gcse-sociology.html)
- Learning resources organised by topic (www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zbbw2hv)
- Plenty of revision resources including podcasts (www.sociologywynham.com/revision-exercises/)
- Links to a huge variety of sociological information for learning, revision, research and explorations (www.revisiontime.com/gCSESoc.htm)
- Parents and students can access key materials such as the Exam specification, specimen question papers and mark schemes directly from the exam board via the AQA website (<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/gcse/sociology-8192>).

Teaching group arrangements:

All teaching groups are mixed ability.

Where can I get more advice?

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