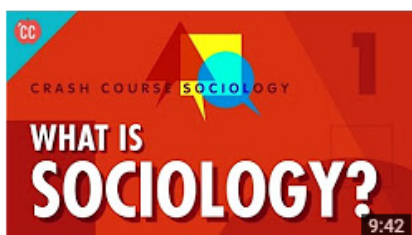## A-Level Sociology Preparation Guide

Items to bring to lessons

1. A high level of attendance and punctuality are essential to success in A Level Sociology.
2. Pens, highlighters and paper or a note pad.

Learning to Learn

Watch the following clip and jot down 5 things that tell you what Sociology is.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YnCJU6PaCio

Why study sociology? Sociology prepares you for a lifetime of change by developing your appreciation of diversity, love of learning, writing and **study** skills, and knowledge base about human behaviour, social organisation, culture, and social change.

To be a successful sociology student you ensure the following:

- You review your notes by making flash-cards or other methods to assist your learning of the material.
- You do not to leave all learning until the end of the year before exams, this volume of work cannot be learnt in a few days.
- Your completion of assessed work every week to monitor your progress and understanding.
- You use MyVLE for extra resources, questions and further reading and activities.

Planning for Exams

The exam board for Sociology is AQA.

You will sit 3 two-hour exams at the end of the two-year programme. Most of your in-class assessment will take the form of exam-style questions and you will sit progression exams at the end of the first year. During Year 2 you will sit mock exams.

Recommended online learning

https://revisesociology.com/
https://www.senecalearning.com/
https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology

https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192
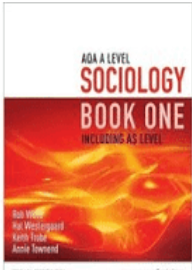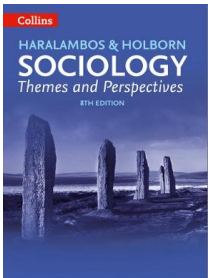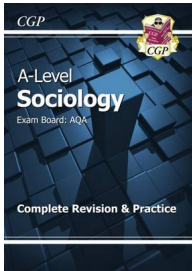https://thesociologyguy.com/a-level-sociology/
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Recommended Textbooks

There is no requirement to purchase a textbook. However, if you wish to purchase a textbook or revision guide, your tutor will advise which books to buy. Below are some of the textbooks we use in class:

by Rob Webb published by Napier Press	Published by Collins	Published by CGP

Recommended Reading and Watching

Reading List - Sociology
- Brave New World – Aldous Huxley
- Animal Farm – George Orwell
- 1984 – George Orwell
- Chavs: The Demonisation of the Working Class – Owen Jones
- The Establishment and How They Get Away with It – Owen Jones
- The Handmaid's Tale – Margaret Atwood (also a series)
- Vox – Christina Dalcher
- The God Delusion – Richard Dawkins
- Outsiders: Studies in Sociology of Deviance – Howard S Becker
- Folk Devils and Moral Panics – Stanley Cohen
- A Glasgow Gang Observed – Patrick James
- Gang Leader for A Day – Sudhir Venkatesh
- Haralambos

A wide range of newspapers including The Guardian and Independent.

Sociology Watch List –

- Any documentaries, including Panorama, Louis Theroux, Stacey Dooley, Mind of a Murderer etc.
- Black Mirror series (Netflix)
- Unreported World (Channel 4)
- Years and Years (BBC i-player)
- Goodfellas
- The Godfather (part 2 is the best)
- Legend
- My Scientology Movie
- The 'Up' series (e.g. 56 Up, 63 Up) on Netflix or Youtube
- The Secret Life of 5 year olds
- McMafia (previously BBC i-player)
- Freedom Writer's Diary
- Dangerous Minds
- Chernobyl (drama)
- When They See Us (Netflix)
- The Society (Netflix)
- Blood Diamond
- A Bug's Life or Antz (for Marxism)
- Ted Talks/Sociology

Recommended Websites

The most useful websites are:

http://www.aqa.org.uk/

The AQA website, which can be used for information relevant to the course, as well as past exam papers and exemplar questions.

https://www.britsoc.co.uk/

The British Sociological Association

Recommended sociology social media platforms or pages to follow:
Including, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Tiktok, etc