

Sociology A Level

You will be studying **Sociology A Level - AQA** exam board.

For course specification: [Please click here](#)

All exams will be at the end of Year 13: there are no exams at the end of Year 12. There is no coursework either, so results are all exam-performance based.

It is important that you familiarise yourself with the course specifications over the summer, in order that you are ready to embark on your KS5 journey from day one.

Here are the details of your summer bridging work for Sociology; please work through the tasks in order as it will build your knowledge in a systematic way. **This will need to be completed and submitted in [your first Sociology lesson in September](#). The bridging work will contribute to your first subject report at the end of September.**

Summer Bridging Tasks: [click here](#)

Exam Paper Structure

Paper 1: [Education with Theory and Methods](#)

2 hour written exam - 80 marks - 33.3% of A-level

4.1.1 Education: short answer and extended writing, 50 marks

4.1.2 Methods in Context: extended writing, 20 marks

4.1.3 Theory and Methods: extended writing, 10 marks

Paper 2: [Topics in Sociology](#)

2 hour written exam - 80 marks - 33.3% of A-level

Section A: one from option 1: 4.2.2: Families and Households: extended writing, 40 marks

Section B: one from option 2: 4.2.7: Stratification and Differentiation: extended writing, 40 marks

Paper 3: [Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods](#)

2 hour written exam - 80 marks - 33.3% of A-level

4.3.1: Crime and Deviance: short answer and extended writing, 50 marks

4.3.2: Theory and Methods: extended writing, 30 marks

We will be breaking down the curriculum topics as follows:

Year 12: 1. Education (Paper 1 short answer and extended writing (50/80 marks) 2. Theory and Methods (Paper 1) made up of: a) Methods in context extended writing 20/80 marks b) Theory and methods extended writing 10/80 marks 3. Families & Households (Paper 2: extended writing 40/80 marks)	Year 13: 1. Crime and Deviance (Paper 3: 50/80 marks) 2. Theory and Methods (Paper 3: 30/80 marks) 3. Stratification and Differentiation (Paper 2: extended writing: 40/80 marks)
---	---

Look at the specification above for more detail about these topics. You will be expected to

- know and understand (AO1) the information about the topics,
- be able to apply (AO2) that knowledge and understanding and
- be able to analyse and evaluate (AO3) that knowledge and understanding.

Expectations of the course:

Lessons consist of taking notes, group discussions, watching relevant DVDs/documentaries, group work and PowerPoint presentations.

Homework consists of note making, wider reading, investigations, past exam questions, power points and essays. It is expected that about 5 hours a week will be spent on Sociology homework.

The Reading and Watching List in the Bridging Task will help you to gain wider knowledge and a broader framework in which to apply your knowledge. You will be expected to choose something to watch/read every half term and to feed back to the rest of the class. You may do this individually, in pairs or groups.

Your progress will be reviewed on a regular basis. The review process will provide feedback at specific times throughout the year. You will also be expected to be within two grades of your target grade on each piece of work.

You are expected to use the resources available to you in the library and common room here and are strongly encouraged to use libraries outside of school, not just the internet. Please remember, plagiarism is taken very seriously such as copying the work of others from the internet and/or using Artificial Intelligence (AI) to complete tasks.

Summer **Bridging Work**

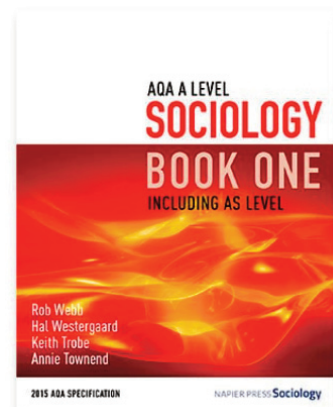
USE YOUR STUDY TIME AND BE PRO-ACTIVE.

Things to buy:

1. The AQA based book that we will be basing our lessons on is the Napier Press Sociology book as below link:

Please purchase this as soon as possible as it will be the prime resource for you to base your Summer Bridging tasks on:

<https://napierpress.com/buybooks>



2. As well as this, it is highly recommended that you purchase a lever arch folder to file all of the hard copy work we will be doing in lessons. Your folders will be regularly checked to ensure you are staying on top of organisation and revision.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me over summer via email on:

a.khaliq@kwschool.co.uk - I can't wait to watch you develop on this Sociology journey.

Mrs Annie Khaliq

Head of Sociology

Katherine Warrington School
