LAWNSWOOD SCHOOL

Lawnswood School Social Science Department

A-Level Sociology

We are delighted you have chosen to study Sociology A Level with us!

We are with the exam board AQA. The AQA website has more detailed information on the course if you are interested at this stage.

The exam board specification - https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192/specification-at-a-glance

Here is a quick outline so you know what to expect.

Over the course of the next two years you will prepare for three exams

In Year 12 - Paper 1 – Education with Methods in context and research methods

In Year 12 – Paper 2 – Family and Households

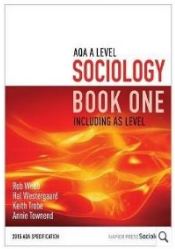
In Year 13 – Paper 3 – Media

In Year 13 – Paper 3 – Crime and Deviance, Theory and Methods

Sociology reading list, websites, podcasts

Our main course text books

Year 12 - AQA A Level Sociology Book One Including AS Level



Rob Webb, Hal Westergaard, Keith Trobe, Annie Townend

ISBN 978-0954007911

Website - https://napierpress.com/ to accompany the textbook which includes downloadable resources including workbooks and student activities

Recommended Reading List:

Lockdown by Peter May

Shame by Jasvinder Sanghera

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood

Blood Diamond by Bill Kitson

Gang Leader for a Day by Sudhir Venkatesh

Websites:

https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level

https://napierpress.com/as-sociology-student-activities

https://napierpress.com/book-one-workbooks

https://revisesociology.com/

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

https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/

http://www.socioweb.com/

https://www.ted.com

http://www.s-cool.co.uk/

https://revisesociology.wordpress.com/www.thesociologicalreview.com

http://www.tutor2u.net/#sociology

Podcasts:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qy05/episodes/downloads

https://www.theguardian.com/podcasts

https://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/sociogenomics-when-nature-meets-nurture

https://www.thesociologicalreview.com/category/structure/podcasts/

https://journals.sagepub.com/page/soc/podcasts

Articles:

https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/mar/26/millions-of-britons-clap-for-carers-on-coronavirus-frontline (solidarity in the UK)

https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/mar/14/solidarity-balcony-singing-spreads-across-italy-during-lockdown (solidarity in Italy)

https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/families/bulletins/familiesandhouseholds/2018 (trends in living arrangements of families)

https://www.bl.uk/sisterhood/articles/the-domestic-division-of-labour (Division of labour between men and women in the household)

https://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/sociology/theories-in-sociology/feminism/ (Feminist theory)

https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/may/03/i-feel-like-a-1950s-housewife-how-lockdown-has-exposed-the-gender-divide?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other (gender divide during the lockdown)

https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/mar/30/fake-news-coronavirus-false-information (media and fake news)

https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/education/why-pandemic-has-exposed-scale-yorkshires-digital-divide-3091347 (Digital divide)

https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/may/14/vaccinate-vulnerable-global-poor-before-rich-children-who-says (vaccinations)

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-51313438 (gender differences in achievement)

FOYF:
Explore what careers sociology could lead you to - https://www.britsoc.co.uk/what-is-sociology/sociologist-careers/

Summer Tasks

Introduction to Sociology

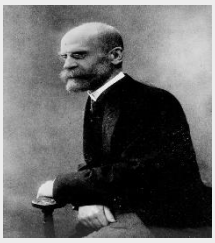
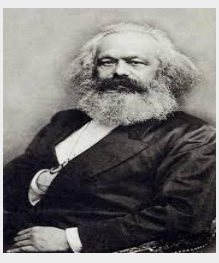
Sociology is the study of society and of people and their behaviour. Sociologist study a wide range of topics such as those within our specifications and create theories, which are explanations of the patterns we find in society to explain human behaviour and the workings of society.

As an introduction to the subject, explore some key concepts, apply them to some of the key theories you will be studying and think about what sociology can tell us about society today.

Search the internet to find the definition of these key terms:

1. Nature
2. Nurture
3. Culture
4. Values
5. Norms
6. Socialisation
7. Consensus
8. Solidarity
9. Conflict
10. Status
11. Patriarchy

Using the internet and any sociology text book (if you have one), summaries what theory suggests about human behaviour and society – Include at least 1 page per theory. Try and apply the key concepts you defined from the previous task to the individual theories. You could include their views on family, education, media or crime and deviance.

Functionalism	Marxism	Feminism
		

Find examples of articles from newspapers and websites of where these concepts and theories have been applied.

Write your own article, essay or short story on what impact has the the coronavirus had on society and what affect will it have?

- Is there consensus or conflict in the UK and world-wide?
- What will society look like after lockdown?
- Use the articles listed to get you started.

If you have any questions about the course before we start, please email us on:

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We look forward to seeing you in September!

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