



SOCIOLOGY

Examination Board

- AQA

The layout of the A Level Exam

- Three written papers each 2 hours long, each paper is worth 1/3 of the A Level course
- Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods
- Paper 2: Beliefs in Society and Families
- Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with theory and methods
- There is no coursework for this qualification

Useful websites / reading materials:

- www.aqa.org.uk – the official website for AQA. Includes specification, past examination papers and mark schemes
- <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/index.html> - the Office for National Statistics. Key Statistics on whole range of topics relating to the family, crime etc. Examine trends in divorce rates, marriage, births and deaths
- AQA Ken Browne, Sociology textbook (Year 1 & 2) – exclusively endorsed by AQA (the main book we use in class) includes a reference section at the back for further reading.
- AQA Ken Browne sociology revision guides. (Year 1 & 2)
- Use the reference section in the Library for books relating to key topics

Relevant programmes and documentaries on current affairs. Look out for topics on:

- Culture and Identity
- Nature vs Nurture
- Social Class
- Socialisation
- The Family
- Education
- Religion and Science
- Crime and Deviance
- Gang Culture
- Mental Illness
- Watch the news every day!
- Become familiar with Labour and the Conservative policy, especially relating to the family, education and crime.



Recommended study

- 2 - 4 hours per week per topic, including supervised study to include:
- Reading beyond the textbook (newspaper articles, texts in the Library, hand-outs);
 - Making notes on additional reading. Supplementary notes made in class;
 - Completing worksheets;
 - Answering exam style questions;
 - Learning topics for class assessment;
 - Writing essays (set for each topic within units).
 - Completing silent study tasks