

Yr11 into Yr12 A-Level Sociology – Summer Bridging work 2025

Week- 1/2 hr per week	Activities
Week 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Print off AQA Sociology Specification. here.2. Familiarise yourself with the assessment criteria and topics taught from the specification.3. Buy an A4 folder and dividers.4. Buy the course textbook here.5. Key Terms: Define the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sociology• Culture• Norms• Values• Status• Socialisation• Ideology• Patriarchy• Capitalism• Meritocracy• Social class• Empirical
Week 2	<p>For Sociology you must know the main Sociological theories. Use the internet and other resources (not Wikipedia) to find out about the main sociological theories. For each one explain the main idea, key concepts and the key sociologists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Functionalism• Marxism• Feminism• Action Theories• Postmodernism <p>Which sociological perspective do you agree with? Why?</p> <p>There are good websites (see below) to help you with main theories: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8dPuuaLjXtMJ-AfB_7J1538YKWkZAnGA https://revisesociology.com/sociology-theories-a-level/ tutor2u A-Level, GCSE & vocational qualification support resources</p>

Week 3	<p>400 word essay. THIS MUST BE HANDWRITTEN!</p> <p>What is sociology and how might it help me in the future.</p> <p>Consider including:</p> <p>Definitions. Approaches. Research methods. Examples.</p> <p>Use the resources below to help you:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>British Sociological Association</u>.2. What can you do with <u>sociology degree</u>?
Week 4	Continue writing your 400 word essay.
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Week 6	Watch one film from the list in the table below. Write notes on how it links to sociology.
Week 7	<p>Research the following jobs needed in society (description, duties and pay). One sentence for each job.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Doctors-Lawyers-Police officer-Supermarket worker-Teacher-Dustbin man-Nurse-Banker-Chef-Cleaner-Estate Agent-Postman-Solider-Builder- Football player- Fashion singer

Week 8	Using the research done in week 7, put all 16 jobs in chronological order of importance, have a detailed rationale for each one.
Week 9	Watch another film from the list in the table below. Write notes on how it links to sociology.
Week 10	<p>One topic we look at in Sociology is Education</p> <p>Research the History of Education in the UK and answer the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When did education become compulsory in the UK? 2. Prior to compulsory education, what were the differences in who used to receive schooling? 3. What are the oldest and newest subjects? 4. How have the methods of dealing with behaviour changed over time? 5. What are some of the major changes that have taken place in UK education in the 20th and 21st centuries? <p>Consider the impact of the following policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Act 1944 (Tripartite System) • Comprehensives 1966 • Education Reform Act 1988 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Your personal view on – what is the role and purpose of education? <p>Use the websites below to help you:</p> <p>https://www.schoolsmith.co.uk/history-of-education/</p> <p>https://getrevising.co.uk/revision-notes/social-policy-and-education</p>
Week 11	<p>Another topic we look at in sociology is Families and households.</p> <p>Research the changing family in the UK and answer the following 2 questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How has the family structure changed over the past 100 years? 2. How have the following policies affected the family? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Divorce Act 1969 and 1984 ○ The Paternity Act 2010 ○ The Civil partnerships Act 2004 and the Marriage (Same-Sex Couples) Act 2013 <p>Use the website below to help you:</p> <p>https://revisesociology.com/2015/12/17/social-policy-family/</p>
Week 12	<p>In year 13 Crime and deviance is a topic we will cover.</p> <p>Using the internet, research the answers to the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is a crime? 2. What is deviance? 3. What are laws? 4. What is a white-collar crime? 5. Moral crimes include offences such as prostitution, underage drinking and illegal drug use. Why do some people argue that such crimes are ‘victimless’? 6. What is cybercrime? Name some examples of cybercrimes. 7. What is a hate crime? 8. What do you think is more effective in reducing crime: crime prevention or harsher punishments? <p>https://www.coursehero.com/sg/introduction-to-sociology/defining-crime-in-sociology/</p>

Watch the following RSA Animate clips list

Ken Robinson – Changing Paradigms

David Harvey – Crises of Capitalism.

School of Life – Max Weber

School of Life – Emile Durkheim

School of Life – Karl Marx

Emma Watson – I am a feminist

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie – We should all be feminists

BBC Poor Kids

Watch a few of the following programs & films

- Boyhood
- Suffragette
- Mean Girls
- Freedom Writers
- Precious
- The Blind Side
- Greenleaf
- The Full Monty TV Series
- Man Like Mobeen
- Never have I Ever
- Pose
- Spotlight
- Barbie
- Waterloo road (BBC series)
- Top Boy (Netflix)
- The college admission scandal (Netflix)
- Divergent (Netflix)
- Adolescence
- Billy Elliot
- When they see us
- Brave
- Elemental (Pixar)

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