

Sociology (AQA A Level)

Getting Ready for Sociology

THINKING LIKE A SOCIOLOGIST ...

As a department, we would love for you to start thinking about how you can engage with our subjects despite not being at school during this time! We are really excited about working with you and we hope that by looking through some of these activities you will see why we love our subjects so much!



The British Sociological Association

Have a look at what Sociology is all about and the potential career opportunities. Is there anything you would like to do? <https://www.britsoc.co.uk/>



Interesting Documentaries

Watch some of these documentaries to give you an insight into sociological concepts in the real world

The Great British School Swap - <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/the-great-british-school-swap>

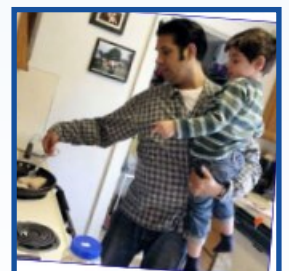
Feral Families - <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/feral-families>

The secret life of 4 and 5 year olds - <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/the-secret-life-of-4-and-5-year-olds>

The Secret Teacher - <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/the-secret-teacher>

Growing up gifted - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b09s7mnh>

Muslims like us - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b085zxxk>



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Podcasts, Ted Talks and Songs

Listen to some of these podcasts that touches on research into how society works and contemporary sociological issues:

Radio 4 – Thinking Allowed

Spotify – The Sociology Show: Matt Wilkin

Emma Watson – I am a Feminist <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c9SUAcNIVQ4&t=3s>

Listen to the following songs, can you think of what the deeper sociological meaning might be behind them?

Beyonce – Who run the world https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VBmMU_iwe6U

J-Lo – ain't your mam <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pgmx7z49OEK>

Carry out your own research

One of the topics we study in Sociology is childhood. Devise your own questionnaire / interview and gather some data on what childhood was like for the elder generation VS children now. What are your key findings?

Another topic we study is changing family patterns. Research reasons for 1. Why people are getting married later than they used to 2. Why people are more likely to get divorced now than they used to 3. Why people are more likely to have children later?

Marxism

What is Marxism? A beginner's guide – make some notes on the key points of Marxist theory. What new key words have you come across? Do you agree with this theory? Can you use the theory to explain social situations in society today? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W0GFSUu5UzA>, <https://www.marxists.org/subject/students/index.htm>, <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Marxism>



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