

A LEVEL SOCIOLOGY

SUPPORTING YOUR STUDENT IN YEAR 13



WHAT ARE STUDENTS STUDYING?

Students are currently studying the Sociology of the Media.

With Mrs Espiner, students are covering media representations. With Miss Sheffield, students have completed ownership and control of the media and are now studying postmodernism and the culture debate within the Sociology of the Media.



FIVE THINGS STUDENTS SHOULD BE DOING NOW

1

Keep up with media in the news

Take an interest in current events, especially media stories, trends and debates. Contemporary examples are essential for strong exam answers.

2

Practise exam questions regularly

Past-paper questions and other practice materials are available through the Sociology Teams page. Regular practice helps build confidence, improves essay technique and develops the ability to apply sociological knowledge to real-life examples.

3

Keep notes and folders organised

Ensure your folders are complete, organised and up to date. Missing work should be identified and caught up promptly.

4

Complete weekly independent learning

Students are expected to complete their weekly Chase the Marks activities. These reinforce classroom learning and develop the knowledge and skills needed for the examinations.

5

Retrieve – don't just reread!

Regular retrieval of key sociologists, theories and concepts is essential. Students should test themselves frequently and create revision resources as they go.



HOW CAN PARENTS AND CARERS HELP?

You do not need to be a sociologist to support your student! Please encourage them to:

- ✓ Complete their weekly Chase the Marks independent learning.
- ✓ Use study periods and time outside lessons productively.
- ✓ Keep their Sociology folders organised, complete and up to date.
- ✓ Create revision resources throughout the year.
- ✓ Regularly test themselves on key sociologists, theories and concepts.
- ✓ Practise exam questions rather than relying solely on reading notes.
- ✓ Keep an eye on current media stories and discuss them at home – this can help them develop relevant contemporary examples for their answers.



“What have you done for Sociology outside your lessons this week?”

can be a really useful starting point.



UPCOMING ASSESSMENT

Year 13 PPE / Mock Examinations – First week of November

The first Year 13 PPE Sociology examination will assess
Paper 2: Sociology of Families and Media.

Students will have questions on both the Families and Media topics.



USEFUL RESOURCES

Scan the QR codes below to access helpful resources.



Student Teams Page



Tutor2u
A Level Sociology



Hectic Teacher



Exam Board Website



NEED SOME HELP?

Students or parents/carers are very welcome to contact the Sociology team:

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