



# Welcome to A Level Sociology

Hello Year 11,

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This booklet has different tasks and activities to help you prepare for your time at the Dene Magna Sixth Form. These tasks are for you to do independently. I don't need you to hand anything in to me - it is for your own preparation and subject knowledge development. These tasks are for you to complete between now and September.

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## What will I study in A Level Sociology?

**Exam board: AQA**

### **Compulsory content**

Education with Theory and Methods

- Education
- Methods in Context
- Theory and Methods

Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods

- Crime and Deviance
- Theory and Methods

### **Optional**

Topics in Sociology

#### **Option 1**

- **Families and Households**

#### **Option 2**

- The Media

### **TASKS TO COMPLETE BEFORE SEPTEMBER**

TASK 1	For sociology it is really important to stay informed about current affairs. Follow/like news platforms on social media. This way you will be revising without even realising whilst you're scrolling!
TASK 2	Watch Educating Essex on (this is the latest series still available on 4 on demand)  Write notes about what you notice whilst watching. This could include but is not limited to the following: rules, behaviour/behaviour management, role and function of the education system, achievement of social groups by social class, gender and ethnicity, relationships and processes within schools, pupil identities and subcultures, the hidden curriculum and the organisation of teaching and learning  <i>Some of you have done a similar task in the sociology taster lesson but I still recommend that you complete this task as you will have the opportunity to watch more of the programme.</i>
TASK 3	Choose an episode from a different 'Educating...' programme (Cardiff, East End, Yorkshire) to watch.  What are the similarities and differences between Educating Essex and the episode you watched?
TASK 4	'Interview' five people (in person or online). Ask them the following and make notes:  1. How would you define family? 2. Explain your experiences of education

TASK 5	Watch The Purge (it is a 15 so is deemed appropriate for your age group but it's a bit horrid in places, so just a pre warning!) Whilst watching this reflect on the <i>crime and deviance</i> that you see in the movie.
TASK 6	In Sociology we look at society from the view of various perspectives. Research the following Sociological perspectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Functionalism</li> <li>● Marxism</li> <li>● Feminism (challenge yourself to research the different types- liberal, radical, marxist)</li> <li>● Interactionism</li> <li>● New Right</li> </ul> Make a mindmap of notes
TASK 7	Choose one of the following Sociologists to do an A4 research poster ● Durkheim <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Parsons</li> <li>● Marx</li> </ul>
TASK 8	Start a keywords organiser to use between now and the end of Year 13. You could start a list, mind map or make flashcards. Collate all the keywords you have come across in these tasks (and challenge yourself to research more - particularly linked to the Families and Education topics) Here are some more words you could research and include in your keyword organiser: Norms, Values, Status, Achieved status, Ascribed status, Roles, Culture,
TASK 9	In Sociology we have 6 core threads that are common themes throughout the course. These are <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- socialisation, culture, identity</li> <li>- power, stratification and social differentiation</li> </ul> Research these and write a paragraph about why they might be important when studying Sociology.
TASK 10	Ensure you have three ring binders ready for September. There are three papers- it will be useful to have your notes sorted/organised from the start.

Here are various sources of further reading/listening that you will find interesting and informative which will help your broader understanding of the subject. Take a look at a few.

**Reading:**

“Sociology: A Brief Introduction” by Richard T. Schaefer – A good introductory text that covers the basics of sociological theories, methods, and key topics.

“The Sociology Book” (Big Ideas Simply Explained) – This book provides clear, concise explanations of key sociological ideas, theories, and thinkers in a visually engaging format.

**Podcasts:** Have a look and listen to these podcasts as an insight to topics covered on the course.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aKbx5J7LX30&list=PLEnZEZyk\\_0spzOiyfoslNKMVO3tN23rc7](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aKbx5J7LX30&list=PLEnZEZyk_0spzOiyfoslNKMVO3tN23rc7)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yp0hnVNR3dY&list=PLEnZEZyk\\_0sqZmp8DlIdoQ8OWO8NvAiD6W](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yp0hnVNR3dY&list=PLEnZEZyk_0sqZmp8DlIdoQ8OWO8NvAiD6W)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pc8h1R9D5jw&list=PLEnZEZyk\\_0so0Cm6zGWYCceka59dnQ2RI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pc8h1R9D5jw&list=PLEnZEZyk_0so0Cm6zGWYCceka59dnQ2RI)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zwfw-y9F940&list=PLEnZEZyk\\_0soHBgDy0QdYQ76flcEqrwh](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zwfw-y9F940&list=PLEnZEZyk_0soHBgDy0QdYQ76flcEqrwh)