



# 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](http://www.aqa.org.uk) – the official website for AQA. Includes specification, past examination papers and mark schemes.
- [www.podology.org.uk](http://www.podology.org.uk) – podcasts relating to AS and A2 topics.
- <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.
- <http://data.gov.uk/dataset/socialtrends> - Social Trends 41 – households and families chapter an established reference source, social trends draws together social and economic data from a wide range of government departments and other organisations; it paints a broad picture of UK society today, and how it has been changing.
- 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

