



Parents' Guide to Preparing for Examinations in GCSE Sociology



The Sociology department have prepared several ways in which students can be supported in preparing for their GCSE exams in Sociology. The course is assessed across two exam papers (details below). The resources and advice below can be used in preparation for the mock exams as well as the real examinations in the summer. All the resources are created with the aim of streamlining and simplifying the revision process so that no matter the grade a student is capable of, they are easily able to access the content and enter the exam with a full awareness of what they need know.

Sociology revision – Initially in Year 11, sessions are provided to support specific groups of students. As the mocks approach, revision sessions are to be made available for a wider range of students. Details of these will be provided by class teachers. Students are also encouraged to direct revision queries or requests for support to Mr Walker, the head of department or to a class teacher.

Microsoft Teams – as part of the revision site for the Year 11 students, there are a range of specifically designed resources aimed at making sure revision is as straightforward as possible. Students should consider the use of traditional revision guides (provided) in addition with the resources available on the Year 11 revision area.

These include:

- **Q&A PowerPoints with essential knowledge questions.** These are intended to be used for self and peer quizzing. They can also be used as flashcards.
- **Whole topic mindmaps.** These help students to get a strong sense of the topic areas covered in each part of the Sociology GCSE and help them to learn important key concepts.
- **Past papers and mark schemes:** many of the questions in sociology are smaller marks (1-4) and can be answered and then easily checked against the mark scheme to identify areas for improvement. Students can also use these to attempt past papers questions. Class teachers will encourage students to complete additional essay questions to support their understanding and can mark these where availability allows.

Dates of GCSE Sociology exams in Summer 2025:

Paper 1 – The Sociology of Families and Education – 1h 45min – 8th May 2026 (AM)

Paper 2- The Sociology of Crime and Deviance and Social Stratification – 1h 45min – 15th May 2026 (PM)

Students have studied the content on the AQA specification and there is no tiered entry – all students complete the same exam.

If students feel they need any further support or guidance in GCSE Sociology, they should direct questions to their class teacher in the first instance. The whole department wishes students the very best of luck in their mock and summer exams. We are incredibly grateful for support from parents/carers.

The Sociology department

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