

Welcome to A Level Sociology

- **What you can read:**

'A-level Sociology Book One' by Rob Webb, Hal Westegaard, Keith Trobe & Annie Townend

'Collins Sociology: AQA Year 1 & AS' by Steve Chapman, Martin Holborn, Stephen Moore & Dave Ailken

'AQA A Level Sociology Specification' – link below:

<https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/sociology/specifications/AQA-7191-7192-SP-2015.PDF>

- **What you can watch:**

Below are some of the topics that you will be learning when you join us at Burnley College. Here are some videos that link to areas of those topics:

- Education: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=98rGSW2WUJY>;
<https://www.channel4.com/programmes/educating-yorkshire>
- Families and Households: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PY89fhY5dUc&t=4s>;
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b0bsrr5b/louis-theroux-altered-states-3-take-my-baby>
- Beliefs: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b007clvf/louis-theroux-the-most-hated-family-in-america>; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VWqACvTknlS>
- Crime: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p04xwqh7/teenage-knife-wars>;
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZsHwKPE0mjU>;

- **What are some of the topics and skills that you will cover:**

- **Research Methods**- learning the strengths and weaknesses of the methods sociologists use to gather their data and make their theories e.g. questionnaires and interviews.
- **Education**- including how factors such as class and gender affect your achievement.
- **Families & Households**- how the family has changed over time and what factors have contributed to this.
- **Beliefs in Society**- how belief and religion has changed, what the purpose of religion is and whether we are more or less religious now.
- **Crime & Deviance**- Causes of crime, relationship between class, gender and ethnicity and crime as well as sociological perspectives on crime.



- **Tasks that you can do to prepare you:**

<u>Task</u>	<u>Link to the course/specification</u>
<p style="text-align: center;">Task 1.</p> <p>Create a glossary for the following key sociological terms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socialisation (primary socialisation and secondary socialisation) • Norms • Values • Beliefs • Culture • Subculture • Social Class • Gender • Ethnicity 	<p style="text-align: center;">ALL</p> <p>These terms will appear in near enough every single topic- you will need to understand these first and foremost before beginning to study the more focussed units on education, families, beliefs, crime and research methods.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Task 2.</p> <p>Use the internet to find out about the main sociological theories. For each one explain the main idea and concepts and the key sociologists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Functionalism • Marxism • Feminism • Action Theories • Postmodernism • Which sociological perspective do you agree with? Why? <p>The YouTube channel below is good for summaries of the main theories: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8dPuualjXtMJ-AfB_7J1538YKWkZAnGA https://revisesociology.com/sociology-theories-a-level/ https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/topics/group/theory-methods-key-terms</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ALL</p> <p>Again, you will look at these theories in every single unit and therefore they span the whole specification. If you come in with a good grasp of these key theories you will have a definite head-start and can then work on applying their general theories to the specific units we learn.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Task 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sociology is all around us:</p> <p>Write a report on how Coronavirus has effected these areas of society:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education system • Families & Households • Beliefs & Religion • Crime & Deviance 	<p>Links to Education, Families & Households, Beliefs in Society and Crime and Deviance topics.</p>

<p>Stretch and Challenge: Could these be impacting certain social classes, genders and ethnicities more than others? For example- if you have discussed how students are having to learn from home- could this form of education disadvantage those from poorer backgrounds more- if so, why?</p>	
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- **Contact information**

If you have questions regarding this or any other A Level course at Burnley College, please contact alevels@burnley.ac.uk or call 01282733373

We look forward to seeing you in September.