

WHGS Sixth Form



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Sociology

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Sociology is at the cutting edge of understanding the world we live in. It is the study of human social life, groups and societies. Sociology attempts to describe and explain people's social behaviour. In so doing, it asks questions such as why is it that people join gangs? What causes crime? Why are some people rich and others poor? Why do girls get better exam results than boys? Why do 50,000 people in the world die of poverty every day? Sociology can help you to understand the social structures that shape us and prepare us for our place in the world, such as the family and education. It can also shed light on hidden aspects of society such as criminal gangs and youth subcultures. Sociology will allow you to develop critical insight, questioning the status quo. Realise how varied the human experience can be and how powerfully identity shapes a person's future.

In Year 12, there will be an introduction to sociological theories and perspectives, with application of research methods to education. To recognise and understand the causes of changing family patterns in the UK.

Content:

- **Topic 1:** What is sociology? Sociological perspectives
- **Topic 2:** Education with research methods
- **Topic 3:** Families and households

Complete: Society – Shipwrecked



Imagine you have been shipwrecked on a desert island with no means of escape. In order to survive you will need to create your own society.

Ideas to Consider:

- Who will feed everybody?
- Who will look after the injured and elderly?
- How will you reward people for their work?
- How will you make sure people do what they are supposed to?
- What happens to those that don't conform?
- Who will look after young children?



- How will you make sure everybody knows the laws of the land?

Time: 30mins

Watch and Listen: What is Sociology?



[Crash Course Sociology](#)

Find the definitions for the following key sociological terms:

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| ■ Socialisation (primary socialisation and secondary socialisation) | ■ Culture |
| ■ Norms | ■ Social Class |
| ■ Values | ■ Gender |
| ■ Beliefs | ■ Ethnicity |

Time: 15mins

Research Task: Sociological Theories



Research these three main sociological theories. For each one, explain the main idea and concepts and the key sociologists:

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| ■ Functionalism | ■ Marxism | ■ Feminism |
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Which sociological perspective do you agree with? Why?

Links:

[Crash Course](#)

[Tutor2u](#)

[Revise Sociology](#)

Time: 40mins

Research Task: History of Education



Research and answer the following questions:

- When did education become compulsory in the UK?
- Prior to this, what were the differences in who used to receive schooling?
- How have the methods of dealing with behaviour changed over time?
- What are some of the major changes that have taken place in UK education in the 20th and 21st centuries?

Suggested Links:

[History of education](#)

[Social Policy](#)

Time: 30mins

Watch and Listen: Education Inequality



Watch the video clips and note down some of the causes and effects of possible inequalities in education:

[Akala on Education](#)

[Crash Course](#)

[Fairness for Children](#)

Time: 40mins



Research Task: Family



Find the definitions for the following key family terms:

- Monogamy
- Bigamy
- Polygamy
- Nuclear family
- Empty nest
- Extended family
- Cohabitation
- Kinship
- Empty shell family
- Chosen family

[BBC Bitesize](#)

[Revise Sociology](#)

Time: 1hr

Watch and Listen: Family



How has the family structure changed over the past 100 years?

How have the following policies affected the family?

- The Divorce Act 1969 and 1984
- The Paternity Act 2010
- The Civil partnerships Act 2004 and the Marriage (Same-Sex Couples) Act 2013

What is the impact of these changes to family?

[The Atlantic](#)

[The Economist](#)

Time: 40mins

Complete: Families and Education



Find the definition of meritocracy.

Read the following news article: [TES](#) and answer the following questions:

- Does this article suggest we live in a meritocracy?
- Why is it important that 'poor' students go to university?

Find 3 news articles that link to Education and/or Families. Download and/or print. Some things to look out for are: immigration, poverty, benefits, exam results, private education, achievement, free schools.

[Independent](#)

[The Guardian](#)

Time: 30mins

Watch and Listen: Crime



Using the internet and the video links below, research the answers to the following questions:

- What is a crime?
- What is deviance?
- What are laws?
- What is a white-collar crime?
- Moral crimes include offences such as prostitution, underage drinking and illegal drug use. Why do some people argue that such crimes are 'victimless'?
- What is cybercrime? Name some examples of cybercrimes.
- What is a hate crime?



- What do you think is more effective in reducing crime: crime prevention or harsher punishments?

[Deviance crash course](#)

[Crime crash course](#)

Time: 1hr

Research Task: Crime Near You



Go on the following website and research crime in your area or the area near your school: [crime stats](#) and answer the following questions:

- Where does most crime take place?
- What are the top 3 crimes/offences?
- Why do you think that those crimes are committed in your area? Think about socio-economic issues and location.

Time: 30mins

Watch – Extension Work: White Collar Crime



If you have access to Netflix, watch:

'Fyre. The Greatest Party that Never Happened'



Time: 1hr 37mins

Research Task: The Media



Research and define the following key terms:

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| ■ Media | ■ Moral panic | ■ Hypodermic syringe model |
| ■ Mass media | ■ Cybermedia | ■ Propaganda |
| ■ Censorship | ■ Global conglomeration | |

Time: 15mins

Research Task: Who Owns the News?



Research media ownership and create a pie chart of percentage of ownership based on your findings. Can you think of any potential societal issues that could be related to your findings?

[Who owns the UK Media?](#)

[US Local News](#)

Time: 40mins

Complete: Research Methods



You are going to conduct your own sociological survey and collect data on an aspect of society that particularly interests you (for example, why do people leave school for college? Why do people go travelling? Why do people drink underage? How people coped with isolation during the Coronavirus pandemic).



Questionnaires

You must design a **questionnaire**, with between 6-8 questions on your given area. You will need to break your topic up into smaller questions.

For example:

1. What is your age?
2. Are you male or female?
3. Did you go travelling because... (pick one)
 - You didn't want a job
 - You had family abroad
 - You wanted an adventure
4. Where did you go travelling?
5. Would you go travelling again? Yes/No

You will need to carry out your questionnaire on a range of different people. **Aim to ask 5 people the same questionnaire.**

Time: 1hr

Complete: Research Findings



Presenting your questionnaire findings

You will need to present your findings from the questionnaire in either in a graph or a pie chart and write a conclusion to explain what you have found.

Time: 1hr 8mins

Sociology Binge Watching List:

Dear White People
Murderer to Mercy: The Cyntoia Brown Story
When They See Us
Inside the Criminal Mind
100 Humans
Saving Capitalism
Feminists What Were They Thinking?
Top Boy
13th
Making A Murderer
Trump. An American Dream
The Confession Killer
Time: The Kalief Browder Story
School Life
Kalifat

The Messiah
Black Mirror
El Che
Hail Satan?
Dirty Money
Girls Incarcerated
Derry Girls
Fahrenheit 11/9
The Fundamentals of Caring
Flint Town
We Are the Wave
Money Heist
Fyre (The Greatest Party That Never Happened)
Hello, Privilege. It's Me Chelsea
American Factory

NETFLIX

