

SUBJECT GCE A-Level Sociology	YEAR 12 and 13
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COURSE CONTENT Exam Board: OCR Specification link: http://www.ocr.org.uk/images/170212-specification-accredited-a-level-gce-sociology-h580.pdf	
3 components 1. Introducing Socialisation, Culture and Identity - Students learn about the formation of culture; the process of socialisation and its role in forming identity. The themes of culture and socialisation are developed through the study of the Sociology of the Family. 2. Researching and understanding social inequalities – Students are introduced to a range of methods and sources of data as well as the factors influencing the design of sociological research and the relationship between theory and methods. This is applied to the context of social inequalities. 3. Debates in Contemporary Society – Contemporary and global debates are introduced through the topic of ‘Globalisation and the digital social world.’ Students will examine the development in digital forms of communication (e.g. social networking) in a global society. They will also focus on the social construction of crime and deviance and the ways in which crime is socially distributed, explained and reduced.	
What will homework look like? Various tasks, extra personal reading and research. There will be a menu of tasks provided for study sessions which will support revision and exam preparation	
What enrichment opportunities are available? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Guest speakers ● Visit to Crown Court ● Independent research 	
ASSESSMENT A level: There are three exams at the end of Year 13. The exams require students to be able to write at length about sociological theory and research. Students are examined on their ability to apply and evaluate as well as their knowledge and understanding of the topics. There is no coursework.	

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

How can I support my child in this subject?

Sociology is everywhere, especially in the news and media. One of the most powerful ways to support your child is to ask them about the topics being covered and how they might relate to current events and/or real-life experiences.

Encourage them to read a broadsheet newspaper once a week and to watch documentaries on relevant topics. They should also follow the Rednock Sociology Twitter (@DJB_00) account and read/watch the content listed there.