



STEP UP TO 6TH FORM

KIMBERLEY SCHOOL **TRANSITION INFORMATION**

Sociology A Level AQA

COURSE DETAILS

UNIT 1

Education with Theories and Methods

- Education – Why do girls outperform boys? Are there social class differences in achievement? What about ethnic differences? What are the effects of teacher labelling? What is streaming? What is the self-fulfilling prophecy? What do functionalists think about the education system? What about Marxists? What educational policies have been implemented?
- Theories and Methods – What methods do sociologists use to conduct research? What are the strengths and weaknesses of these methods? Is Sociology a science?

UNIT 2

Topics in Sociology

- Families and Households – Why has the birth rate and death rate in the UK decreased? Why are more people getting divorced? Why has domestic violence increased? What are the different sociological views on family diversity?
- Beliefs in Society- What do feminists think about religion? Are people more or less religious than in the past? Is religion simply changing? Are New Age movements replacing traditional religions? Is Science? How has religion led to social change?

UNIT 3

Crime and Deviance with Theories and Methods

- Crime and Deviance – What are functionalist views on crime? What is labelling theory? Are there gender differences in crime rate? What about social class or ethnic differences? Why do people commit crime? What role does the media play? How can crime be prevented and controlled? Does rehabilitation work?
- Theories and Methods- What is the Functionalist perspective on society? What do Marxists and Feminists argue? How is research used to inform social policies?

EXAMS

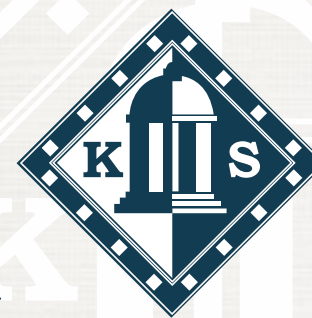
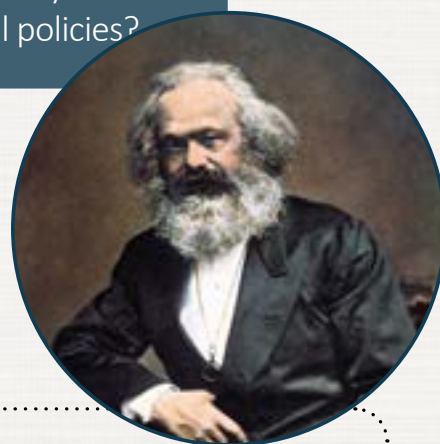
3 x 2hrs (33.3%)



LINK TO THE SPECIFICATION

See a detailed document of what we will cover in this course:

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



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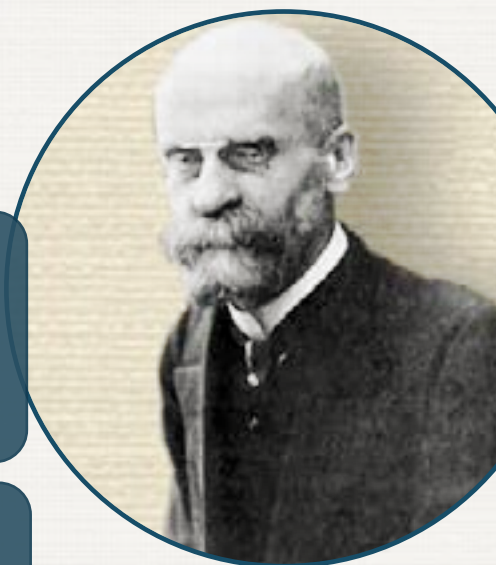
Work you can do to prepare for A Level study

Wider Reading

- Hochschild, A.R. (2012). The Second Shift: Working Families and the Revolution at Home.
- Beeden, A. (2015). The Sociology Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained.
- Perez, C.C. (2020). Invisible Women: Exposing Data Bias in a World Designed for Men.

Research preparation for key Sociologists in the course. Find out their studies and/or theories.

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| • Emile Durkheim | • Max Weber |
| • Karl Marx | • Charles Murray |
| • Ann Oakley | • Pierre Bourdieu |
| • Tony Sewell | • Howard Becker |
| • Anthony Giddens and Ulrich Beck | • Basil Bernstein |



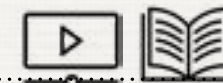
Current Affairs

As Sociologists we are interested in what is happening in society so please watch the news- download the BBC or other established news outlet app to your phone.

The current situation with Covid-19 has led to lots of issues for society to think about: Please look at articles on the impact of the virus on childhood and even on divorce rates. Think about why society is worried on the impact of school closures causing a wider gap in achievement between rich and poor children (why is this?).

www.independent.co.uk/news/health/. An event in the news recently has been the killing of George Floyd in the USA. He was a black man killed by a white police officer. Please look at the case- read about it and explore the issue of race and crime. Have a look at the case of Stephen Lawrence which is a case we explore in depth in Sociology. Be aware that both cases are very distressing. www.theguardian.com/us-news/george-floyd

FILM/TV/BOOKS



Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat.
Marriage Expectations vs. Reality – Andy Stanley.
'Max Weber and the Protestant Ethic' - BBC Radio 4 wStephen Fry.
'Karl Marx on Alienation' - BBC Radio 4 wGillian Anderson
Educating Greater Manchester (Channel 4)
Growing Up Poor (Channel 4)

Police in Britain (ITV)
Crime: Are we Tough Enough?
When They See Us (Netflix)
Selma
On the Basis of Sex
Instant Family
Freedom Writers
The Handmaid's Tale Atwood, M. (2017).

USEFUL RESOURCE LINKS

For Documentaries: www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer - Louis Theroux - Behind Bars, Love without Limits.

For Podcasts: www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/category/podcasts - The Secret History of Science and Religion.

For TED talks: www.ted.com/topics/sociology E.g. 3 Ways to Build a Happy Marriage and Avoid Divorce.

