



DRAYTON MANOR HIGH SCHOOL

Success at Sixth Form – Subject Specific Tips

Subject	Sociology	
Class and homework expectations		
Students should bring the following items to each lesson		
Large ring binder folder including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic booklet • Specification checklist • Notes/work from previous lessons • Up-to-date glossary • Home learning, ready to review • Assessments and record sheet 	Equipment/stationary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pens • Highlighters • Paper/exercise book 	
Scheme of Work		
Year 12	Year 13	
Education with Methods in Context Topics in Sociology: Families and Households	Crime and Deviance and Theory and Methods Topics in Sociology: Beliefs in Society	
Assessment Objectives		
Assessment Objective 1 (AO1): <i>Demonstrate knowledge and understanding</i> of sociological theories, concepts, evidence, and research methods	Assessment Objective 2 (AO2): <i>Apply</i> sociological theories, concepts, evidence and research methods to a range of issues	Assessment Objective 3 (AO3): <i>Analyse and evaluate</i> sociological theories, concepts, evidence and research methods in order to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present arguments • Make judgements • Draw conclusions
Assessment		
A Level		
<p>Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods 80 marks, 2 hour written exam, 33.3% of A-Level Education: short answer and extended writing 50 marks Methods in Context: extended writing 20 marks Theory and Methods: extended writing 10 marks</p> <p>Paper 2: Topics in Sociology 80 marks, 2 hour written exam, 33.3% of A-Level Section A: Extended writing 40 marks Section B: extended writing 40 marks</p> <p>Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods 80 marks, 2 hour written exam, 33.3% of A-Level Crime and Deviance: short answer and extended writing 50 marks Theory and Methods: extended writing 30 marks</p>		
How to do well in the subject at A Level		

- **Take a keen interest in social issues.** A general awareness of what is happening socially and politically can help to motivate you throughout the course. Try to look at quality newspapers at least once per week. You can access these in the library and online.
- **Be willing to debate and engage in group work.** Good quality discussion helps to improve your evaluation skills as well as developing confidence in your own ability to express yourself.
- **Study for at least four hours a week outside of lessons.** Attending lessons is by no means enough to achieve success. There is a large amount of content, theories, studies and concepts you need to have a solid grasp of and it is necessary for you to revise every week to prepare for your final exams.
- **Time yourself when attempting exam questions.** Poor time management can often lead a loss of marks even after thorough revision.
- **Use the PEEEL (Point, Explain, Evidence, Evaluate, Link) for all paragraphs.** Ensure that your essay is well balanced and answers the question directly. Use teacher feedback and model essays to correct your work.
- **Organise your notes and work carefully.** From the start, you will need to get a wide **ring binder** file and keep all your work in order. Then you should bring this file with you to all lessons, otherwise you will not be coming prepared to the class and may not be able to do the work planned for that lesson.
- **Catch up on work you have missed if you are absent.** If you have missed a class, it is ***your*** responsibility to find out what work you have missed. If you do not do this, you may well find questions appearing in your exams which cover work done in class when you were absent!

Support available

- Supervised study.
- Intervention classes.
- In-class interventions and supporting homework.
- Resources packs.

How parents can help support

- Please help your son or daughter to organise their folder and keep it up to date
- Check that they are doing homework
- Talk to them about social issues in the news
- Discuss with them any letter you receive about opportunities or issues

Helpful websites or resources

Websites:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level>
www.sociology.org.uk
www.guardian.co.uk
www.bbc.co.uk

Books:

Webb et al. 'A-level Sociology'.
 Chapman et al. 'Sociology for AS Level'
 Haralambos and Holborn 'Sociology: Themes and Perspectives' (7th edition)
 Giddens, 'Sociology ~ introductory readings'