

Ormiston Victory Academy A-Level Sociology Handbook

Awarding Body:
AQA

Specification:
Sociology (7192)



Subject Leader: Mrs A Cordy

Course Overview

What is Sociology?

Sociology is the study of social life, social change, and the social causes and consequences of human behavior. Sociologists investigate the structure of groups, organizations, and societies, and how people interact within these contexts. Since all human behavior is social, the subject matter of sociology ranges from the intimate family to the hostile mob; from organized crime to religious cults; from the divisions of race, gender and social class to the shared beliefs of a common culture. In fact, few fields have such broad scope and relevance for research, theory, and application of knowledge.

Course Structure

Paper 1 – Written 2hr paper worth 33.3% of the overall mark

- Education
- Methods in Context
- Research Methods

Paper 2 - Written 2hr paper worth 33.3% of the overall mark

- Families and Households
- Beliefs in Society

Paper 3 - Written 2hr paper worth 33.3% of the overall mark

- Crime and Deviance
- Theory and Methods

Assessments

You will regularly be assessed throughout each unit. There will be an exam style question every 2-3 weeks as a minimum. The question may be a 10, 20 or 30 mark question. You will be supported in how to revise for this and how to structure your answers in lesson time.

Homework

Homework will be set in line with the 6th form policy (1hour per 1hour of lesson time) This will come in many forms from researching, pre reading or revising. The expectation is that you will consolidate the information you learn in each lesson by creating revision resources at home and emailing or talking to your teacher if you need to about the content covered.

Student Expectations

During the following two years you will be provided with opportunities to explore some key arguments surrounding a variety of different themes. In order to access the course to its full potential there are a number of expectations you must follow:

- You must attend all lessons unless you have a genuine reason for being absent in which case you must ask your teacher for the work you have missed.
- You must complete all homework set to a good standard and on time.
- You must take an active role in the lessons making sure you are listening, taking notes and offering ideas.
- Work willingly with other students.
- Discuss any concerns or questions with your teacher.
- Read any additional material when directed to.
- Keep a folder with your notes and ensure it is organized.

What should you do if you are absent for a lesson?

If you have a genuine reason for missing a lesson you should contact your teacher and request the missed work. Furthermore if you know you will be missing a lesson for a planned trip or appointment you should inform your teacher and again catch up on any work missed.

Important contact

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