

Y12 ROADMAP – SOCIOLOGY PAPER 1

Subject Aim: You will cover five main units looking at the role of education within society. This covers two themes:

1. What are sociological views on the function of the education system?
2. Why do some people do better in education?

TERM 1	Unit 1: What is sociology?	ASSESSMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most lessons will test your knowledge using a variety of activities including Knowledge Tests, retrieval activities and multiple choice quizzes • For each unit, you will be given a mixture of short knowledge tests throughout and exam style questions at the end. • The study of each unit will be punctuated by various exam questions which you will attempt and receive feedback on. • The Y12 Exam will link all of this together within a fill paper 1 PPE.
	You will be considering the main sociological theories and how they view society. This unit aims to provide the basic building blocks you will need to apply theories to a range of issues across the A Level course.	
TERM 2	Unit 2: How has policy impacted on education?	
	Here you will look at education policies from 1988 onwards. You will consider the impact each policy has had on both the education system and individuals and whether these have been positive or negative.	
TERM 3	Unit 3: What are theories of education?	
	This unit focuses on applying your knowledge of the main sociological theories from unit 1 to the topic of education. You will look at how Functionalists, Marxists and the New Right view the education system and whether these views are valid or not. You will also look at why different theorists disagree with each other .	
TERM 4	Unit 4: Why do some people do better in education?	
	This unit explores differential attainment between social groups. You will consider how gender, class and ethnicity can affect how well students do in school. You will look at factors both in school and outside and how changes in society have led to changes in exam results.	
TERM 5	You will also study why different genders tend to study different subjects and the wider implications of these choices for both individuals and society.	
TERM 6	Unit 5: How do sociologists research education?	INDEPENDENT LEARNING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge Organisers are expected to be used weekly to support the learning and recap of key vocabulary as the course progresses. • There will be opportunities to conduct your own research to support the concepts you are learning about in lessons for unit 5. • You will be provided with a list of sociologists to learn and revise • Revision packs, including practice papers will be provided at the end of the year in preparation for PPE exams.
	This unit draws all of your knowledge on the education system together. You will consider how Sociologists research aspects of the education system and the practical, ethical and theoretical issues they face.	ENRICHMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are encouraged to keep up to date with current events to support their sociological knowledge

What Next?

Once completed, you will then progress onto Y13 where you will begin studying Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and undertaking a planned programme of revision.