HIGHDOWN SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM CENTRE ON THE ROAD TO POST-16 STUDY









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Read/Research	Watch/Listen	Revisit	Other Tasks
Start to discover the origins of	As a starting point, watch this short	This is a difficult one – it's hard to	If you think you might be interested in
Sociology at the British Sociological	clip to help you think about What is	link back to previous learning	Sociology as a career in the future,
Association website -	Sociology?	when you haven't studied	have a look at this article from the
https://www.britsoc.co.uk/what-	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v	Sociology before but	Good University Guide
is-sociology/	=LK5J0-cM-HE		https://www.thecompleteuniversitygui
		Reflect on all of your previous	de.co.uk/courses/sociology/five-
The Sociology of Crime –	Thinking Allowed	educational experience up to this	reasons-to-study-sociology
Compare crime rates for your	This is ideal for any student who is	point – we study Sociology of	
postcode and another friend or	going to be studying Sociology in the	Education in Year 12 – Why do we	Completing short courses is a great
relative	Autumn. This series explores how	have a National Curriculum? Why	way to start to explore Sociology
https://www.crime-	society works from Snobbery to Law	are some subjects 'Core' and	Browse through websites such as
statistics.co.uk/	and Order.	others not? Do you think the	MOOC.org and Futurelearn to find
Question: What does the crime	Thinking Allowed	education system treats students	something that interests you.
information tell you about the		fairly? If not, try to research	This one explores the building blocks of
respective areas? What does the	In Our Time on BBC Sounds has lots	some theories	our political views: freedom,
crime information not tell you	of discussions of Sociological Issues		community, place, justice and choice.
about the respective areas?	e.g:	We also study the Sociology of	Propaganda and Ideology in Everyday
	https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes	Families – reflect on how family	<u>Life</u>
The Sociology of Education	/b006qykl/topics/Sociological theori	life has changed over the past 50	
Why rich kids are so good at the	<u>es</u>	years – do people think this is a	Complete this course.
marshmallow test? Read the		good or bad thing? Why?	Explore how the Universal Declaration
article and answer the question.	Gresham College has provided free		of Human Rights relates to your daily
https://www.theatlantic.com/famil	lectures within the City of London	We also look at Beliefs in Society	life.
y/archive/2018/06/marshmallow-	for over 400 years.	in Year 13 – what makes a	Explore the impact of the Universal
test/561779/	Example – Is Robocop now a	'religion'? What do you think the	Declaration of Human Rights
Questions: Define immediate	reality?	role of religion is in society?	_
gratification and delayed	https://www.gresham.ac.uk/lectures	What are the differences	
gratification. What does the most	-and-events/is-robocop-reality	between religion and science as	

recent research tell us about delayed gratification? How does this link to family structure?

<u>Sociology Review</u> – this is a very popular magazine for A-Level Sociology students – as well as interesting articles, there are lots of features on how to answer exam questions -

https://www.hoddereducation.co. uk/subjects/sociology/products/16 -18/sociology-review-emagazinevolume-30,-2020-21

Read this article

When we needlessly apologise, we end up making ourselves small and diminish what we're trying to express, says sociologist Maja Jovanovic.

Sorry to bother you, but do you say "sorry" too much? What to say instead.

Read this article

"Africa is doomed to be poor" — this wrongheaded statement is an example of the <u>destiny instinct</u>, the belief that innate characteristics determine the destinies of countries or cultures.

<u>Cultures</u>, nations and religions are not rocks — they're always changing

For up-to-date political discussions on social issues, consider regularly tuning in to political talk shows such as *Question Time* (BBC).

Keep a look out on the on-demand tv resources, as there are a number of great documentaries and series out there about the field of Sociology. Some to get you started are:

Back to School with Mum and

- Dad (BBC)Black and British: A Forgotten
- History (BBC)
- Beyond the Asylum (BBC)
- Educating Essex (Channel 4)
 Secret Life of Four Year Olds
- (Channel 4)
 The Doctor Who Gave Up Drugs (BBC)

Watch this TED talk.

Behold, courage. These speakers have the fortitude to stand up to some of the world's greatest injustices.

The Pursuit of Justice: A series of 8 programmes

Watch this TED talk

Pepper spray, Tasers, tear gas, rubber bullets -- these "non-lethal" weapons are being used by more and more local police forces. This talk explores the belief systems. Try to link to your RE/Ethics knowledge.

In year 13 we study Crime and Deviance – again, try to link any work you may have done in Ethics, or perhaps PSHCE, to help understand why crime exists? You could start to research different views on this. Then – if there is a theory on why crime happens, can this lead to ideas about how to prevent or reduce crime

We also look at different theories of Sociology – Marxism and Feminism are two well-known ones. Can you link these to any previous learning you have done in History lessons at Key Stage 3 or GCSE?

Create a Twitter account, and start to follow Sociology accounts – here are some ideas

@TheSocReview – The SociologyReview A Level magazine@DailySociology – sociology newsevery day

@SocImages – links to interesting articles and research

@TheSocyCinema – pop culture and film links with sociology

@SassySociology – a PhD student specialising in gender, ethnicity and inequalities

@LearnSoc - this is the official twitter page of one of the largest sociology website

@SociologyLens -provides links to current sociological topics, research and issues to debate

Investigate 'The Day' website
This is a great website for schools –
during the lockdown all its articles are
free to access -

https://theday.co.uk/subjects/sociolog Y

In Sociology, you will come across a range of Sociological Theories. These are different views on how Society works. Try to produce a simple A4 factfile on each of the following

- Functionalism
- Marxism

Ideas TED

Other Further Reading Ideas

- Freakonomics, Steven D. Levitt & Steven J. Dubner (2006)
- Chavs: The Demonisation of the Working Class, Owen Jones (2011)
- Gang Leader for a Day,
 Sudhir Venkatesh (2009)
 Respectable: The
 Experience of Class, Lynsey
 Hanley (2016)
- The Call of the Weird: Travels in American Subcultures, Louis Theroux (2005)
- The Nonsense of Free Will: Facing Up to a False Belief, Richard Oerton (2012)
- Watching the English: the Hidden Rules of English Behaviour, Kate Fox (2004)

Textbook

Our core textbook is AQA A Level Sociology Book One by Rob Webb and others – if you are a definite candidate for the course you will need to buy it in September – here is a link if you want to get ahead You can buy it from Amazon, but there is also a link here - https://napierpress.com/buybooks

ethics of the police and their application of human rights.

Non-lethal weapons, a moral hazard?

Films – the following all deal with a range of interesting issues -

- Made in Dagenham
- The History Boys
- Roger and Me (and other Michael Moore documentaries)
- 63 Up
- This Is England
- Pride
- The Freedom Writers

- Feminism
- Social Action Theory
- Postmodernism