



Longley Park

SIXTH FORM ACADEMY

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Sociology

Course name: **A Level Sociology**

Structure / Units:

Unit 1 – Education with methods in context
Unit 2 – Topics (Beliefs and Families)
Unit 3 – Crime and deviance with methods

Assessment:

3 x 2hr exams at the end of the 2nd year – One exam for each Unit

Enrichment opportunities:

Trips to University
Visiting speakers eg guest sessions from UOS lecturers, high court judge, barrister, solicitor
Trip to David Blunkett exhibition
Debate club

Progression / Careers:

A Level Sociology is very good preparation for university, where strong essay writing skills are very important. Universities recognise that sociology A Level provides students with a very good foundation in social, political and policy knowledge. Sociology is regarded as a demanding and rigorous A Level which combines well with any other combination of subjects. Sociology students go on to a wide range of jobs in policing, research, teaching, medicine, politics and civil service as well as taking jobs in the service sector. Graduates of sociology have higher Levels of employment than many other subjects.

Prepares you for further study in a wide variety of humanities and social science degree courses. (Any area where understanding society better is relevant (too many to list!))

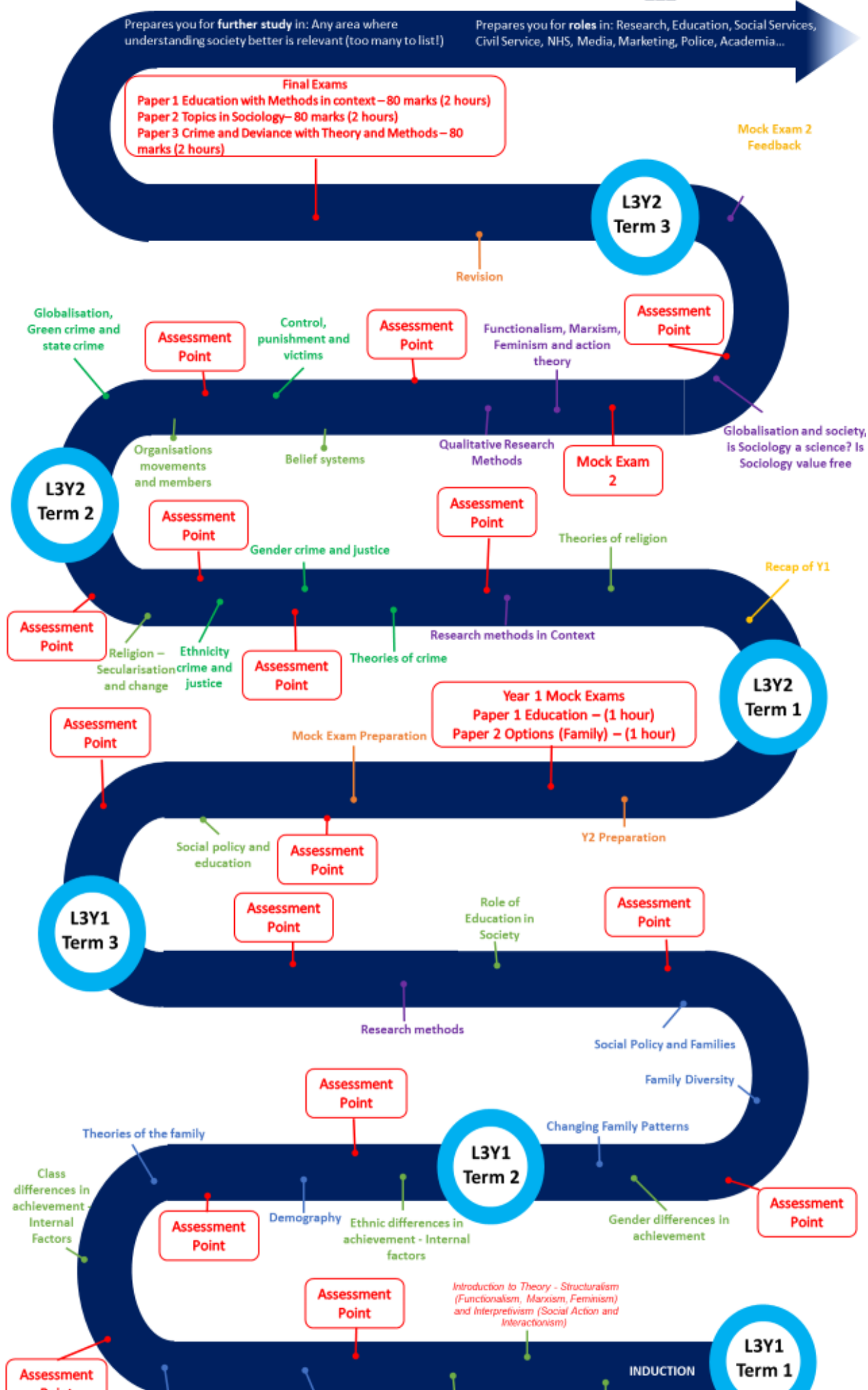
Prepares you for roles in: Research, Education, Social Services, Civil Service, NHS, Media, Marketing, Police, Academia...

A Level Sociology Learning Journey



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We know choosing courses can be daunting and we're here to help you make the right decisions for the next few years that lie ahead. To help you get a better feel for the course that you've chosen, we've put together some tasks for you to have a go at over the Summer. These tasks are not compulsory, but doing them might give you a clearer picture about what you will be studying and hopefully give you a bit of a head start in September. Give it a go. Project You has started!

Education: Discuss with your family what their education was like and compare it with your education so far. You might think about things such as -

1. How classes were delivered by the teacher
2. How ethnically diverse were the students at the school
3. Were boys and girls taught the same subjects and were they taught together?
4. What role did religion play in the education?

Summarise your findings in a table like the one below.

My Education	Parents/Grandparents Education

Theory

Summarise the ideas of the following thinkers. How are their ideas relevant to society?

1. Karl Marx
2. Emile Durkheim
3. Max Weber
4. Michel Foucault
5. Ann Oakley

Research Methods

Sociologists may use experiments, interviews, questionnaires, official statistics or observations to collect information for their research

1. What research methods have you used in gathering the above information?
2. What other methods do you think sociologists use to collect information on society?
3. Design 5 interview questions to research into people's experiences of crime?

Fancy a read?

Shades of Deviance – Rowland Atkinson

Keep an eye on the news. What does it tell you about society?

A message to you

We are really looking forward to teaching you Sociology next year. It will change the way you view Education, Families, Beliefs and Crime and will help you see everyday scenarios and events very differently. It will be hard work but a lot of fun!

Matt



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Additional Opportunities

We offer a variety of different opportunities to enrich your time with us and support your next steps:

- ~A variety of Clubs and Societies through Project You
- ~Employer immersion visits & Trips to employers
- ~Work Experience & Placement
- ~Trips to Universities
- ~Guest Speakers
- ~Leadership through the Student Ambassador Programme
- ~ Independent Learning Centre with IT, books and journals, quiet and group study + Seminar Rooms
- ~Health and Fitness Activities in our onsite gym
- ~Duke of Edinburgh
- ~Career Ready internship Programme
- ~ Access to wellbeing, academic tutorial, and careers support