

Curriculum information for Y10 Sociology

Which exam board and course is it?	AQA GCSE Sociology (8192)
What curriculum topics are being covered this year?	1) The Sociological Approach (sociological theory) 2) Research Methods 3) Families 4) Education
How many exams have they got and what is covered in each one?	External exams: None Internal tests: 2 Both the Families and Education sections will be assessed through internally marked End of Topic Tests. These will be in the form of 50-minute tests comprised of questions taken from previous exam papers. These will be completed in exam conditions (timed, in silence, without prior knowledge of the questions themselves). Students will be given several weeks warning that the test is approaching.
What should my child be focusing on?	The main difficulty that GCSE students face is the sheer amount of content that needs to be learned. Students are strongly advised to revisit material covered in lesson and put together revision notes/posters/mind maps as they go rather than leaving it until each topic has been completed. Students should pay particular attention to: - The ideas of key theorists (these will be clearly marked in their booklets) - Key debates within each section (which will often be tested as 12-mark essay questions) - The application of research methods to the study of society
What is the best way for me to support my child in this subject?	- Test them on the contributions of key theorists. Information on these can be found in your child's content booklets. Look for "Key Theorist: <name>" - Test them on their knowledge of key terms. Students will be provided with a glossary of key terms and definitions for each section of the course - Ensure that your child is revising for end of topic tests
What websites and resources would be helpful? What wider reading would be helpful? Where can I get resources?	- There are no particularly good websites for GCSE sociology since it is not offered in every school around the country. Furthermore, as this is a new specification, most online resources are no longer applicable. - Students have been provided with everything that they need in the form of content booklets. For each of the main topic areas, they will have 3 booklets of information. In addition to this, they will be

	given a key terms booklet as well as an exam questions booklet containing exam questions which will be completed for homework.
Have previous students got any tips or advice for this subject?	"Don't leave it until the last minute!" "make sure you keep refreshing your knowledge of research methods – there are so many questions on these" "Ask your teachers for help when you need it and don't just miss out questions you don't know the answer to" "Watch the clock when you're doing exam questions. Don't rush through the shorter ones, but also make sure you're giving yourself enough time for the essays"