



Preparation for Year 12



Sociology

Congratulations on your GCSE successes and welcome to your post-16 studies at All Saints!

At this significant moment in your education, you have selected to study courses that reflect your own unique gifts, talents, interests and future goals.

So let's get started! These tasks are designed to introduce you to some concepts that you will be exploring over the year ahead as well as giving you the opportunity to demonstrate your commitment and sincere interest in this subject.

We look forward to seeing your preparation work and welcoming you to our department in September.

Aims	<i>A positive way of demonstrating your commitment and passion for Sociology and to prepare you for the first topics in Year 12.</i>
Deadline for submission	Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Choose **TWO** tasks to complete from the following list:

Week	Task / question	Links to help you	Notes
1	Research the different types of Feminists. Make notes on each of them - what do they believe, what do they fight for etc. • Radical Feminists • Marxist Feminists • Liberal Feminists • Difference Feminists	https://www.simplypsychology.org/feminist-theory-sociology.html	
2	What do we mean by the following terms: 1) Culture, 2) Values, 3) Norms, 4) Primary Socialisation, and 5) Secondary Socialisation. Write your definition as		



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	well as an example of each.		
3	Create a spider diagram of all the different types of family and who they consist of? Try to find percentages of how many of each family are in the UK etc.		
4	Find some recent statistics on divorce, marriage and cohabitation in the UK. Define what is the difference between Marriage and Cohabitation. Try to find some explanations for why divorce and cohabitation are increasing, but marriage rates are decreasing in the UK.	https://revisesociology.com/2020/06/29/trends-in-marriage-divorce-and-cohabitation-in-the-uk/	

Keywords and definitions:

You will need to be familiar with the following keywords in term 1.

Keyword	Definition	Use of keyword within context
Unit of consumption	One of the Marxist functions of family: Family buys and consumes a lot – plays a major role in generating profits. Media targets children who use ‘pester power’ to persuade parents to buy more. Children who do not have the latest things are often stigmatised and labelled by peers.	
Infant mortality rate	Measures the number of infants who die before their first birthday, per thousand babies born alive, per year.	
Globalisation	The idea that barriers between societies are disappearing and people are becoming increasingly interconnected across national boundaries.	
Death Rate	Number of deaths per thousand of the population per year.	
Net Migration	The difference between the numbers of immigrants and the numbers of emigrants, this is expressed as a net increase or a	



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	net decrease due to migration.	
Conjugal Roles	The role played by husband and wife: these can be segregated (husband= breadwinner wife = homemaker, leisure time separated) or joint (husband and wife perform both roles, leisure time spent together).	
Social Policy	Refers to the plans and actions of state agencies, such as health and social services, the welfare benefits system and other public bodies.	
Postmodernism	A perspective that rejects the modernists' belief in progress and their view that we can have certain, true knowledge of society that will enable us to improve it. Society has become so unstable and diverse that it is now impossible to produce any absolute explanations.	
Ageing Population	Average age of the population is rising. With this comes benefits and risks of such a population i.e. issues with bed shortages in NHS	
Socialisation	How we learn the norms and values of society. This can be primary (through family) or secondary socialisation (media, education, religion etc).	