



Session Objectives

- By the end of the session you should be able :-
- To know what Sociology is and what we study
- Outline the Summer Bridging Unit work to be completed for September
- Give some examples of the types of topics we look at
- Explain how this may be useful to your future
- Answer any queries you may have regarding the subject



What is Sociology ?

- With the person next to you :-
- What do you think Sociology is ?
- What types of things do you expect to study if you take it ?



Sociology

- “the study of society and its institutions and how they effect our behaviour.”
- **What are these institutions and how do they effect us ?**



Topics / Questions we cover in A Level Sociology

- **Y12 topics**
- Education – the role of education (theories), different levels of achievement according to class, gender and ethnicity and reasons for them, policies on education in the last 75 years
- Families and Households – theories of the family, family change in the last 50 years and reasons for it, policies effecting family life, changing nature of childhood, population trends and implications, how couples are changing
- Research Methods – how do we find out about society, what methods can we use and what are the strengths and limitations of each method



Topics / Questions we cover in A Level Sociology

- **Y13 Topics (some options)**
- **Theory and Methods(compulsory) – how do we explain how society works?**
- Crime and Deviance – what are the statistical patterns on who commits crime – gender, ethnicity and class and how do we explain them, theories of crime, relationship between media and crime, globalisation and its effect on crime across international borders
- Beliefs in Society – theories of the role religion plays in society, secularisation – are we becoming a less religious world, religious fundamentalism and explaining its rise, different types of religious organisation and activity



A Good Sociologist

- Should question the world around them
- Not take things at face value

- Be socially aware – try to take an interest in the world – watch the news



Summer

- Bridging Unit 2018
- Summer Work on “The Role of Education” p66-75 - Quick Check Questions on p75 and notes on whole section
- First lesson in September 2018 – Theories of Education (RH)
- Assessment in first 2 weeks



Education

- Theories – Perspectives on how something works
- How would you (based on your knowledge) explain what education is and how it works ?
- Does it work ? How ? Is it fair ? Why / why not ? Whats the point ? What does it achieve for you AND society ? How do we pay for it ? Etc etc