Uxbridge High School

**A-level Transition Summer Project Sociology**

**Year 12 > Year 13**

**Name:**

**Target Grade:**

**Contents:**

Expectations and Learner Agreement

**A-level Expectations**

Students need to work very hard when studying Sociology. Students need to ensure that they read through the relevant Sociology textbooks at home.

* **Attendance = attainment.** Attend all lessons, arrive on time and bring all the necessary books. Do not book appointments during lesson hours. Also students need to attend all period 6 lessons.
* Necessary equipment- pens, Sociology textbooks, and Sociological research needs to be brought to each lesson.
* Take responsibility for arriving on time to lessons after break or after a free period.
* Mobile phones should not be seen or heard in class.
* Work to the best of your ability in class and focus on the lesson
* Listen respectfully to the views of other students
* Complete all homework and split classroom work.
* Read widely in your own time, including reading the complete set texts for each component as soon as possible
* Complete all necessary research as directed
* Keep a reading log
* Attempt all work. If you are unsure of what to do, of course you may ask questions, but there are times when your teacher will want you to work independently without question. You must respect this.
* Keep to deadlines.

Learner Agreement

As a dedicated student of Sociology at Uxbridge High School, I promise to meet the expectations above. I understand that not doing so, will result in school sanctions, parent meetings, and most importantly, it will have a negative impact on my attainment.

**Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Yr13> Summer Project Tasks:**

1. Research the new topics: Crime and Social inequality
2. Go onto the Eduqas website and begin looking at the past papers and markschemes.

**A-level Outline of the Year**

**Your A-level is made up of 3 exams.**

**Paper 1:** Socialisation and Culture-40%

**Paper 2:** Methods of Sociological enquiry-20%

**Paper 3:** Power and stratification-40%

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|  | **Teacher** |
| Autumn 1 | **Paper 1: Power and stratification**  AO1, 2, 3  **Assessment:** Half of paper 3  Nb. Students will be redrafting coursework |
| Autumn 2 | **Paper 1: Power and stratification**  AO1, 2, 3  **Assessment:** full paper 3 |
| Spring 1 | **Paper 1: Methods of Sociological enquiry**  AO1, 2, 3  **Mocks – Paper 2** |
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| Spring 2 | **Paper 2: Methods of Sociological enquiry**  Exam technique  **Assessment:** full paper 2 |
| Summer 1 | Socialisation and culture  SOW: revision / exam technique  **Assessment:** full paper 1 and 2 |

**Overview of Key new topics:**

**Criminology.**

Criminology is a study of crime. What causes crime? What are the patterns of crime relating to gender, ethnicity and social class? Are people born as criminals or is criminal behaviour nurtured?

**Stratification.**

Is stratification functional or dysfunctional? What do we mean by “Prejudice” and “Discrimination”? What is racism, sexism, ageism, and discrimination against disability?

**Terminology to learn at A Level:**

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| **Stratification.** | The way people are divided into different groups based on social characteristics. |
| **Racism** | When a person is discriminated against because of their race. |
| **Sexism.** | When a person is discriminated against because of their gender. |
| **Ageism** | When a person is discriminated against because of their age. |
| **Criminology** | A study of crime and criminal behaviour. |
| **Value consensus** | When people share the same values in society. |

**Assessment Objectives**

The assessment objectives are the focus point of the skills you should be developing over the course of your AS. The examiner will be searching for those relevant to your answers in the different exam components (each exam question has slightly different weightings for the assessment objectives). When shaping your answers keep in mind the different assessment focus points.

**AO1** Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of:

sociological theories, concepts and evidence, sociological research methods.

**AO2**  Apply sociological theories, concepts, evidence and research methods to a range of issues.

**AO3** Analyse and evaluate sociological theories, concepts, evidence and research methods in order to: present arguments • make judgements • draw conclusions