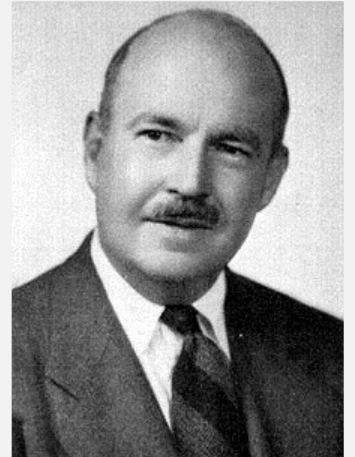
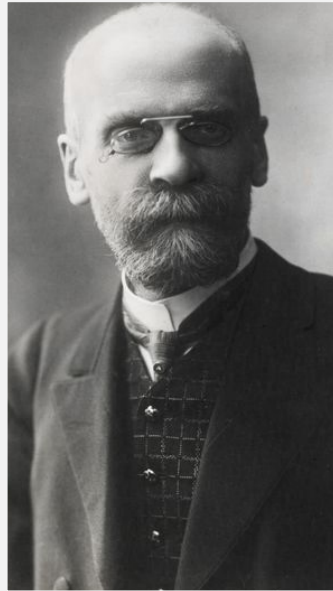
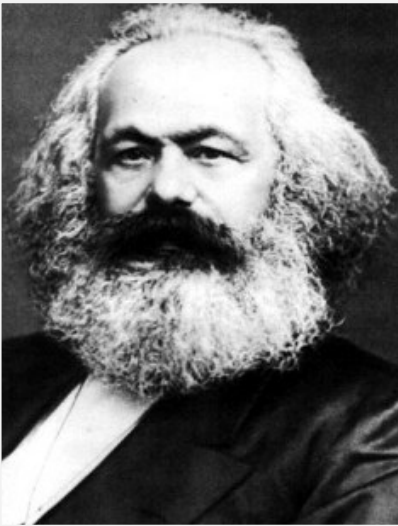


A Level Sociology



Course Induction

What will I study?

At Bedford Sixth Form we have selected the optional topics you will study and these are highlighted below. These topics were selected to help you progress from GCSE Sociology (if you have studied it) and to give you a broad overview of sociological studies, to help prepare you for an undergraduate course should you wish to continue your studies.

Component 1: Education with Theory and Methods Written Paper	33.3%	• 2 hour exam • 80 marks • Questions on Education worth 50 marks • Question on Methods in Context worth 20 marks • Question on Theory and Methods worth 10 marks
Component 2: Topics in Sociology Written Paper	33.3%	• 2 hour exam • 80 marks • Section A worth 40 marks, choose one from • Culture and Identity • Families and Households • Health • Work, Poverty and Welfare • Section B worth 40 marks, choose one from • Beliefs in Society • Global Development • The Media • Stratification and Differentiation
Component 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods Written Paper	33.3%	• 2 hour exam • 80 marks • Question on Crime and Deviance worth 50 marks • Questions on Theory and Methods worth 30 marks

Reading List

Textbooks

- Webb – Sociology-Written by the chief examiner. An extremely useful textbook that we would recommend you purchase.
- Steve Chapman, Martin Holborn, Stephen Moore and Dave Aiken- AQA A-level Sociology Year 1 and AS Student Book
- David Bown, Laura Pountney, Tomislav Maric-AQA Sociology for A Level Year 1
- Haralambos, Richardson, Taylor and Yeo – Sociology in Focus for AS
- Haralambos and Holborn – Sociology – Themes and Perspectives-This is an extremely useful book for all topics in the course and one that will be referred to regularly. It is very worthwhile getting your own copy of this text.
- Browne – Sociology for AQA

Periodicals –

Sociology Review

British Sociological Journal

Useful Websites:

www.sociology.uk.net –this is used in connection with the Webb textbook.

www.jrf.org.uk –The Joseph Rowntree Foundation is one of the largest independent social policy research charities in the UK

www.bbc.co.uk – The education, crime and families sections of the news are all particularly useful and it is worth reading these on a weekly basis.

www.statistics.gov.uk – this resource contains national statistics for the UK covering most areas of the course. They are also analysed for you.

www.aqa.org.uk – this essential site has downloadable past papers and mark schemes for this course. It is used extensively throughout the course.

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An interest in social issues: You need to have an awareness of what is happening socially and politically in the UK.

A willingness to debate and engage in group work: Good quality discussion helps to improve your evaluation skills as well as developing confidence in your own ability to express yourself.

Organisation: You will need to get a ringbinder that you will bring to all lessons. It is essential that you keep your file organised with dividers and copy up (and add to) notes from class. Regular folder checks

Curiosity and Critical Thinking: You must have an open mind and be able to evaluate different points of views and theories. You must be able to approach subjects without any bias or preconceptions. You should be prepared to question everything and come up with hypotheses that you will test.

What makes a successful sociology student?

Independent study: You will be expected to spend around 3 hours per week on homework and independent research. When not formally set homework you should still be reading articles, expanding your class notes and planning exam answers.

Attendance: You are required to attend all of your classes. If you know you are going to be absent, you must arrange this beforehand and find out what work you will be missing. You are expected to attend all revision

Summer Preparation for A Level Sociology

Pick **3** of the following tasks and complete them to a high standard. Be prepared to hand these in on your first week of the course.

Provide detailed definitions for the following sociological terms. Make sure they are written in language you understand: Class, Consensus theory, Conflict theory, Ethnicity, Functionalism, Gender Marxism, Patriarchy, Socialisation Social Norm, Subculture, Values 20 Points	Visit the following website: http://www.britisoc.co.uk/what-is-sociology.aspx Use the information you read and produce an academic poster or report on the following: -What Sociology is -What Sociologists do -How Sociological research is carried out 20 Points	Pick one of the following perspectives and write at least a page on it, summarising their views on society: -Feminism -Functionalism -Marxism -New Right -Postmodernism You could include their views on family, education, crime and deviance, or politics. 20 Points	Research the History of Education and record your findings. Points to include: -What was early education in the UK like? -What was the tripartite system and why was it introduced? -How have the methods of dealing with behaviour changed over time? -What is the role and purpose of education? 20 Points
Pick one of the following issues. Explain the changes in relation to this over the past 25 years. Then go on to give a detailed explanation of at least 3 Sociological reasons for the change: -Marriage, Cohabitation, Divorce and Childbearing. 20 Points	Write at least 8 questions that could be used to find out how childhood has changed over the past 50 years. Interview at least 6 people (aim for different ages) using these questions and summarise your findings on how childhood in the UK has changed. 20 Points	Research a feral child and write a biography about them. It may include: -Pictures of before and now. -An explanation of how their socialisation and behaviour is different to non-feral children. -An explanation of how they were reintegrated into society. 20 Points	Produce a timeline which illustrates the development of women's rights in the UK over the last 200 years or so. You can present this in any way you wish, whether on A3/A4 paper, or using technology, PPT, Prezi etc Include images of prominent women in society and of the different ways in which women are depicted throughout time. 20 Points