



Year 11 Preparation for Study at Loreto College

SUBJECT

Sociology



QUALIFICATION

A Level



PREPARATION TASKS



Sociology is the study of society, examining the impact of societal experiences on human behaviour. Family & Households, The Education System, Crime & Deviance and Social Inequality are topics you will study in depth. You will use key terminology when examining all these topics. Research the key words below, producing a mind-map which gives the basic definition:

- Culture
- Norms and values
- Status
- Identity
- Subcultures
- Process of socialisation
- Social control
- Consensus Theory / Conflict Theory

RESEARCH



We want you to research some of the key topics further, exploring current patterns and trends. In particular, research the following:

Family & Households:

- What is the most common family type in the UK today?
- What other family types are now popular?
- What's happening to marriage and divorce rates?
- What roles do both children and adults, including females and males play in the family?

Education:

- Which children achieve the highest grades and which children achieve the lowest grades? Link to Social Class, Gender and Ethnicity.
 - What reasons are given to explain such patterns?
- Produce a write up of your findings.

RECOMMENDED READING



[The Sociological Review](#)

RECOMMENDED WEBSITES



[Office for National Statistics](#) (collecting data)

[Complete](#) (society and issues)

This research work is really useful to do, as it will help you to explore your options for college study. Please be aware that agreed courses will be finalised at enrolment after students have been awarded their GCSE results.