

# Summer Work Year 11 into 12



Name of Subject: Sociology

## Summary of the course:

Exam Board: AQA

Course Title: A Level Sociology

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## What should I get in preparation for September?

1 x A4 Lever Arch Folder

Dividers (between 10 - 12 dividers)

Plastic wallets

Highlighters

A4 exercise/note book (if preferred however one will be supplied for you)

Optional revision guides:

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Level-Sociology-Complete-Revision-Practice/dp/1782943560>

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Revise-level-Sociology-Revision-Workbook/dp/1292111259/ref=pd\\_lpo\\_1?pd\\_rd\\_i=1292111259&psc=1](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Revise-level-Sociology-Revision-Workbook/dp/1292111259/ref=pd_lpo_1?pd_rd_i=1292111259&psc=1)

## Read it:



Read the following, making an A4 page of notes on which groups of pupils struggle to achieve well in school and why this might be, as well as what might be done to improve outcomes for students.

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk/2000/oct/27/race.education>

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2018/jan/07/british-education-failure-white-working-class>

## Watch it:



Watch each of the following documentaries and make note an A4 page of on how **fair** and **effective** the British education system is. You'll need these to inform the 'Do It' task.

<https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x7ju7qe>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tm2ZZIOIDE>

## Do it:



Produce a **minimum** of an A4 page essay based on the following topic:

**'The education system isn't fair for all'**

You should consider the following:

Which social groups perform well at school/ university and which perform poorly? Why?  
Are all types of school/ university equally accessible to every child in the UK?

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Are state schools providing an effective education to all pupils?  
What are the barriers that students face in getting a good education and qualifications?  
How are schools / the government trying to overcome these barriers?  
Are their efforts effective?  
What else could be done that would help underachieving groups to perform better?  
Conclusion: is the British education system fair?



**(Optional) Stretch it:**

Find out what Marxists, feminists and functionalists think the role of education is in society. Produce an additional page for your article where you discuss each perspective on education with information on key ideas and important thinkers (e.g. Marx, Althusser, Durkheim, Wollstonecraft).