

St John's Curriculum Overview – A Level

Subject title	A Level Sociology (OCR)
Setting arrangements	No setting
Time allowance each fortnight	9 hours

Introduction

The course offered is A Level OCR Sociology, which is a linear course. There are three examinations at the end of Year 13.

The exams are:

1. Introducing Socialisation, Culture and Identity, including the Mass Media (30% of total A Level)
2. Researching and understanding social inequalities (35% of total A Level).
3. Debates in Contemporary Society, including globalisation and education (35% of total A Level).

Topics, Skills and Assessment covered during the course

	Topics covered	Skills developed	Assessment
Year 12 Teacher A	Paper 1: Introducing socialisation, culture and identity. Including a depth study of the mass media. Paper 2: Social Class and Gender Inequalities.	The skills are current throughout all three examination papers and lessons. These are the three Assessment Objectives: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Knowledge and understanding of sociological theories, concepts and evidence. Also an understanding of the various research methods used by sociologists to gather data and evidence. 2. The ability to apply theories and concepts, evidence and research methods to a range of social issues. 3. To analyse and evaluate sociological theories, concepts, evidence and research methods in order to present arguments, make judgements and to draw conclusions. 	There are regular exam questions set throughout the year. The Year 12 Mock Exam includes a series of questions on the Mass Media.
Year 12 Teacher B	Paper 2: Research Methods and Age and Ethnic inequalities		There are regular exam questions set throughout the year. The Year 12 Mock Exam includes a series of questions on Research Methods.
Year 13 One teacher	Paper 3: Globalisation and the Digital World and the sociology of Education.		There are regular exam questions set throughout the year. The Year 13 Mock Exam is a complete Paper 3.

Resources Recommended for Revision and where they are available:

Hodder publishes the two textbooks which are issued to the students. In addition, Hodder also publishes revision materials. CGP also publishes revision guides for sociology. These revision guides and materials are available online to order and are recommended.

Homework

Expected time allocation for the subject – Around two hours per week. Keeping up to date with contemporary development is encouraged, such as following the news.

Additional support and help for the course

Revision sessions are available at the end of the course in lesson time.

Extra-Curricular:

TBA