

Subject	SOCIOLOGY
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	Skills/knowledge you are expected to gain over the summer
Suggested reading:	<p>It is essential that you are up to date with the ongoing news stories and developments in society. Over the summer holidays you are expected to do the following:</p> <p><i>Read one of the following every day:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.guardian.co.uk/ • http://www.telegraph.co.uk/ <p><i>Watch one the following news bulletins every day:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBC News (13:00 and 22:00 daily, also available 24 hours on BBC News channel) • Channel 4 News (19:00 daily)
Piece of investigative work	Be prepared to discuss the most significant news stories linked to issues on the family, crime and education. Can you explain what happened ?, who was involved ?, what issues were at stake and why it's important?.
Project	<p>Arrive with enthusiasm!</p> <p>A) Sociologists are interested in why some students are so successful in education whilst others fail :</p> <p>B) Try the following exercise on educational achievement:</p> <p>Watch the clip below, and answer the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At what age does the educational attainment gap emerge? 2. Note the statistics quoted for GCSE attainment for poor children and wealthier children.

	<p>3. Note the four policy areas that are suggested as ways to overcome material deprivation.</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uh6G0rzuLIw In this clip, the second in Save the Children's <i>Backroom Briefing</i> series, Sally Copley explains how child poverty holds back children in the UK from reaching their full potential and sets out a four-point plan on how to break the poverty cycle.</p>
<p>Sociologists evaluate current issues.</p>	<p>C) Watch any of the following documentaries for context:</p> <p>All available on catch-up</p> <p>Educating Yorkshire, Channel 4</p> <p>Living with the Brainy Bunch, BBC 2</p> <p>Benefit Street, Channel 4</p> <p>D) Watch the following documentary:</p> <p>Reggie Yates, Britain's Gangs</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZgSN4d2F4Pg</p> <p>Think about the following as you watch;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Why do young people join gangs? What are these young people's concerns/issues? ■ Do people have a choice ?/ how does their environment influence them?/do they join for status? <p>How are Aaron, Darren and Tulisa's experiences different ?</p> <p>Having watched these clips can you see any links between poverty, education and crime ?</p> <p>Enjoy, see you in September !</p>