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Dear Families

## Year 11 Sociology

Thank you for your ongoing support for our year 11 sociologists as they complete the GCSE syllabus and prepare for their second set of mocks next month. We are writing to make you aware of:

- **Revision sessions (week of 5 February 2024)**
- **Exam dates**
- **Further support available within school**
- **Support you can provide at home**

### 1. Revision sessions:

We are offering two bespoke exam skills sessions, after school on **Monday 5 and Thursday 8 February 2024**, in preparation for the second mock exam after half term. All year 11 Sociology students will be invited to **one** of these sessions, depending on the grade they achieved in their first mock last term. You will receive a separate email confirming the date and time for your child. Our expectation is that all students will attend the session they are invited to, but if your child is unable to attend, please let us know.

### 2. Exam dates for 2024:

The exam dates for GCSE Sociology have been creeping earlier and earlier over the last couple of years, with both exams now taking place well before May half term. The exam dates for this year are:

- **Paper 1 (Families and Education): Friday 10 May (pm)**
- **Paper 2 (Crime & Deviance and Social Stratification): Tuesday 21 May (pm)**
- Each exam is 1 hour 45 minutes long (100 marks) and worth 50% of the GCSE qualification
- Research methods are examined across both papers and applied to the main topics
- Further information on the syllabus can be found here:  
<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/gcse/sociology-8192/specification-at-a-glance>

### 3. Support available within school:

- The two topics that will be examined on the February mock paper are **Crime & Deviance and Social Stratification**. Revision resources are available on the 'Year 11 Sociology Revision' google classroom, including sample papers, knowledge organisers and links to revision videos:  
<https://classroom.google.com/c/NTg5NjI0MTA4Njgz>
- All students have a **booklet of key studies** for each of the GCSE topics (Families, Education, Crime & Deviance, Social Stratification); students have worked on these during lessons and the completed booklets should be a valuable revision resource. Pdf versions are available on the google classroom and a lists of all 25 key studies is on the AQA website for reference:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/gcse/sociology-8192/appendix-b-texts-and-summaries>

- After the second mock period, weekly, after-school revision sessions, focusing on key content and exam skills, will take place on **Thursdays, 2.50-3.50pm in C01**. These are open to all year 11 students.

#### **4. Support you can provide at home:**

- Ensure good homework/revision habits. All homework set should be attempted in full and submitted on time. Homework tasks are always set on both the google classroom (11So-A, 11So-B or 11So-C Sociology) and on the My Child at School App; **it is the students' responsibility to monitor both regularly**.
- Good attendance is vitally important at this stage of year 11. If students are unavoidably absent, they should contact their class teacher directly to ask for catch-up work, once they are well enough to complete it. The **Tutor2U revision videos** are an excellent resource for addressing any gaps in learning or understanding:  
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLp8BSCLLWBUA5bgSILq-NN8Ez60VA6R9M>
- Talk to your child about what they are learning in sociology. We are currently studying the **social stratification topic**, including social class, power and inequality, life chances and social mobility. Discussion at home can help the students' to recall their learning, work through their own ideas and apply their sociological knowledge to the real-world. Look out for any age-appropriate films or documentaries that may support their learning.
- Encourage your child to use their **Collins revision guide** to create revision resources (mind maps, flashcards, post-its etc all work well for sociology), to complete practice questions and identify any trouble-spots they need support with in school. Most year 11 students already have their own revision guide, if not they are still available to order for £5.50 via the My Child at School App. We also have the Collins revision cards in stock and available to order.
- Encourage your child to use **Seneca learning** as a revision tool. This is available via the student intranet and provides good, basic coverage of the GCSE syllabus. They need to use their school google account to access the **Year 11 Sociology 2023-24** class:  
<https://app.senecalearning.com/dashboard/join-class/zb2r30tc4r>

We hope you will find this information helpful and look forward to working with the students as we complete the GCSE course. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or wish to discuss anything further.

Yours sincerely

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