

# Starting with confidence >>

## Sociology

The following is a list of activities you may like to do during your summer holidays, in preparation for studying A Level Sociology.

There are two modules in the Lower 6th course, the first looking at families and households and the second looking at education and research methods, so it would be good if you could familiarise yourself with these two areas.

### Keep an Eye on the News

The easiest way to do this is to look out for family and education issues in the news. The two links below take you the Guardian web site home pages for these two topics:

[www.guardian.co.uk/lifeandstyle/family](http://www.guardian.co.uk/lifeandstyle/family)

The Guardian hub page for 'the family'

[www.guardian.co.uk/education](http://www.guardian.co.uk/education)

The Guardian hub page for 'education'

### Get Online

There are a number of good web sites and blogs which introduce the topic of Sociology in general. Here are some suggested websites:

[www.britsoc.co.uk/what-is-sociology.aspx](http://www.britsoc.co.uk/what-is-sociology.aspx)

What is Sociology?

[www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/factual/thinkingallowed/archive.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/factual/thinkingallowed/archive.shtml)

Thinking Allowed

### Watch

This is a nice, 2 minute introductory video – 'What is Sociology'?

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=TFdUtCAXAUM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TFdUtCAXAUM)

This is an even better 8 minute video introducing Sociology – made by students

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=azWs-ESXZrk&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=azWs-ESXZrk&feature=related)

### Read a Book

Well if you choose Sociology, you will be doing a lot of reading – so you may as well start now – Sociology: A Very Short Introduction is a good starting point.

