



The Cavendish School

9<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian

**RE: Sociology in Action Day Monday November 21<sup>st</sup> 2016**

As you are aware your son or daughter is currently undertaking an A level in Sociology. As part of this course the students look at units in Crime and Deviance and Education. The opportunity has arisen to attend a ‘Sociology in Action’ day at University College London’s Institute of Education. As you will see from the attached flyer, in addition to a special session on hints and tips for exam success, the event will include a variety of speakers, most notably, Baroness Lawrence OBE.

The cost of the day will be £19.00. The event runs from 11am – 4pm and we will be meeting at Euston station at 9.15am. If you have any queries or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above number or email me at [f.bridgman@cavendish.herts.sch.uk](mailto:f.bridgman@cavendish.herts.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely

*Fiona Bridgman*

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**Deputy Director of Sixth Form**

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Please return this tear off slip to Mrs Bridgman asap.

**Sociology in Action Day, University College London, November 21<sup>st</sup> 2016**

I give permission for (student *name*) ..... to attend this event.

Signature (Parent/Guardian)

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Student Mobile Tel. no:

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## Sociology in Action

Enjoy a cutting-edge day of Sociology, exploring social inequality, crime, education, identity and more...

This exciting new enrichment day will appeal to all enthusiastic A-level Sociology students. The programme will address a range of increasingly challenging and powerful questions on how society is organised and the factors which influence our choices and how we experience life. Five leading sociologists and expert academics will boost your students' confidence and leave them buzzing with new ideas. Dr Marian Duggan, Lecturer in Criminology at the University of Kent, will chair the day.

- Social inequality: the effects of growing up and living in very unequal countries
- Crime and deviance – trends, policies and solutions
- Why do women still earn less than men? A sociological answer
- How the drive for equality destroyed quality in state schools, and how this disaster can be undone
- The problems of racism in society, the media and the police force – questions and answers



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# Sociology in ACTION

Featuring a special session with hints and tips for examination success.

## Social inequality: the effects of growing up and living in very unequal countries / [Danny Dorling](#)



This lecture will focus on the effects on individuals of growing up in countries where the incomes of children's parents varies widely, and the comparisons with more equitable affluent countries. Is there a solution or any evidence of change happening today?

Danny Dorling is a social geographer and Professor at Oxford University who has co-authored dozens of books and journals on social inequalities in Britain. His work concerns housing, health, employment, education and poverty.



## How the drive for equality destroyed quality in state schools, and how this disaster can be undone / [Peter Hitchens](#)



Peter Hitchens will discuss the disastrous destruction of academically selective state schools in this country, their successful recreation in the former East Germany after 40 years of Communist comprehensives, and the urgent need to recreate them here.

A prolific journalist, author and recipient of the Orwell Prize for political journalism, Peter Hitchens has written for *The Spectator*, *The American Conservative*, *The Guardian*, *New Statesman* and *The Mail on Sunday*.



## Crime and deviance – trends, policies and solutions / [Chris Greer](#)



Chris Greer will examine various sources of knowledge about crime (official statistics, media representations, personal experience, among others) to problematise our understanding of the nature and extent of the crime problem and the challenges facing policy makers who are required to provide solutions.

Chris Greer is Professor of Criminology and Head of the Sociology department at City University. His research and teaching interests are in the broad areas of crime, justice, media, communication and social control.



## The problems of racism in society, the media and the police force – questions and answers / [Doreen Lawrence](#)



Baroness Lawrence will discuss and answer questions on topics related to the issue of identity and the problems of racism in our society, in the media and in the police, including changes which have happened over the past 20 years.

Baroness Lawrence OBE became a campaigner after the murder of her son Stephen in a racist attack. Following reforms of the police service, she received an OBE for services to community relations.



## Why do women still earn less than men? A sociological answer / [Pamela Cox](#)



Professor Cox will discuss the changing nature of gender roles within the family and society, with a particular focus on the reasons behind the continuing pay gap between men and women in the workplace.

Pamela Cox is Professor of Sociology and Social History at the University of Essex. Her teaching and research interest broadly cover questions of social policy, gender, family life and the life-course.



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