

Sociology Curriculum Overview 2020-2021.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 10 (5 hours per fortnight.)	Key concepts and processes of cultural transmission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key sociological concepts • Nature/nurture debate & cultural diversity • The process of socialisation • Inequality of life chances in relation to gender, class & ethnicity (Component 2) • Introduction to sociological theories/perspectives 	Families <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family diversity and different family forms • Social changes and family structures • Social changes and family relationships • Sociological theories of the role of the family Sociological Research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will be introduced to the basics of sociological research – methods, ethics, sampling. • Students will carry out small-scale research studies on the sociology of the family throughout the topic • Students will begin to analyse and evaluate the research process 		Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sociological theories of the role of education • Processes inside schools which affect educational achievement • Patterns of educational achievement – gender, class & ethnicity • Factors affecting educational achievement – gender, class & ethnicity Sociological Research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will further develop their knowledge and understanding of sociological research. • Applied research – students to design and carry out their own independent research projects on education • Students will analyse and evaluate their own research, identifying strengths/weaknesses in their work, practical issues and ethical issues 		
Assessment	Key concepts test Introductory unit exam	Ongoing exam skills/practise throughout Component 1: families examination		Ongoing exam skills/practise throughout Component 1: education examination		End of Year examination
Year 11 (5 hours per fortnight.)	Crime and deviance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social construction of crime and deviance • Social control – informal and formal, and sanctions • Patterns of criminal and deviant behaviour – class, age, gender, ethnicity • Sociological theories of crime and deviance • Sociological explanations of crime and deviance • Sources of data on crime – patterns and trends of criminal behaviour, usefulness of sources of data on crime, including interpreting data. 		Social stratification and differentiation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sociological theories of stratification • Different forms and sources of power and authority • Equality/inequality – class, age, gender, ethnicity, disability & sexuality • Factors which may influence access to life chances and power • Poverty as a social issue 		Research methods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengths and limitations of different research methods and sampling techniques • Usefulness of different types of data • Practical issues affecting research • Ethical issue affecting research 	Revision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practise examination questions • Retrieval practise • Examination technique
Assessment	Ongoing exam skills/practise throughout Component 2: crime examination	INTERNAL Mock exams	Ongoing exam skills/practise throughout Component 2: Stratification examination	Component 1 & 2: Research methods exam	EXTERNAL EXAMS	