

GCSE Sociology Curriculum Overview

	Autumn		Spring		Summer	
Year	1	2	3	4	5	6
10	The Sociological Imagination The Nature/Nurture debate. The 4 main perspectives; Functionalism, Marxism, Feminism and Interactionalism	The Sociology of the Family Key ideas around the Family including: Functions of the family, family diversity, conjugal roles, divorce. Sociological Research Methods How do we research Society? Evaluation of methods used. One lesson per fortnight		The Sociology of the Education Key ideas around education including; Functions of education, types of schools and external and internal factors affecting achievement.		
11	The Sociology of the Education (cont) The impact of class, gender and ethnicity on educational achievement.	The Sociology of Crime and Deviance Key ideas around crime and deviance: The causes of crime, social control, deviant behaviour within subcultures and usefulness of crime figures.	The Sociology of Social Stratification Social stratification and different views on socio-economic class. Life chances, poverty as a social issue, power authority and relationships.		Exam	

Sociology GCSE has 2 exam papers, both are sat at the end of Year 11.

Paper 1 is the Sociology of Families and the Sociology of Education.

Paper 2 is the Sociology of Crime and Deviance and the Sociology of Social Stratification.

Research methods is examined through an integrated approach in each paper.