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Curriculum Overview: Sociology

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Curriculum Areas	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1
Yr 9 Sociology	is the individual shaped by society? Introducing social sciences including the major theories. Defining different aspects of the media, the impact of the media on society and the individual. Investigating representations of social groups and	is the individual shaped by society? Introducing social sciences including the major theories. Defining different aspects of the media, the impact of the media on society	different aspects of the media, the impact of the media on society and the individual. Investigating representations of social groups and	This unit explores the methods and theories linked to the study of sociology. This unit will cover the pros and cons of various research methods such as interviews, surveys etc. The unit will also cover	Research methods This unit explores the methods and theories linked to the study of sociology. This unit will cover the pros and cons of various research methods such as interviews, surveys etc. The unit will also cover theoretical approaches to research methods such as positivism and interpretivism.
Yr 10 Sociology	should education be provided by the state or the by the independent sector? How can social class affect achievement? Why is there a gender gap in education? In addition we begin to understand how	Education Analysing some of the current debates around education such as, should education be provided by the state or the by the independent sector? How can social class affect achievement? Why is there a gender gap in education? In addition we begin to understand how government policies have shaped our education system.	This unit examines different family types such as nucelar, beanpole, extended etc. It also exames how familes are organised and the extent to which roles within the family are changing. This unit applies some of the key theoretical debates such as feminism, Marxism and functionalism as well as understanding their own place	The Sociology of families This unit examines different family types such as nucelar, beanpole, extended etc. It also exames how familes are organised and the extent to which roles within the family are changing. This unit applies some of the key theoretical debates such as feminism, Marxism and functionalism as well as understanding their own place within society.	
Yr 11 Sociology	the topic of social stratification. In this unit students understand how		Social Stratification Completing the social stratification unit. Understanding how society is structured in a hierarchy of strata or layers. Analysing key concepts such as social inequality and social class as well as understanding how they link with theoretical approaches.		Revision and Exam Preparation Revision of key content and skills required for both papers of the GCSE exams.

Summer 2

Research methods

This unit explores the methods and theories linked to the study of sociology. This unit will cover the pros and cons of various research methods such as interviews, surveys etc. The unit will also cover theoretical approaches to research methods such as positivism and interpretivism.

Crime and deviance (start social stratification).

Finishing off the unit on crime and deviance. Starting to engage with the topic of social stratification. In this unit students understand how society is structured in a hierachy of strata or layers. We also analyse key concepts such as social inequality and social class as well as understanding how they link with theoretical approaches.