## **A Level Sociology**

## **Curriculum Content**

Half term	Year 12	Year 13
Autumn 1	What is Sociology Educational Policy Internal and External Class Difference in Education Choosing a Research Method Demography Families and Households and Social Policy	Theories of Religion Religion and Social Change Theories of Crime and Deviance
Autumn 2	Achievement differences in Education Changing Family Patterns Education: The Research Context	Theories of Crime and Deviance (continued) Differences in Crime and Deviance (Gender and Ethnicity) Secularisation Religion renewal and choice
Spring 1	Education: The Research Context Couples Childhood Achievement in Education – Ethnicity	The Media and Crime Globalisation and Crime Control and Punishment Religion in a global context Religious organisations, movements and members Science as a belief system
Spring 2	Theories of the Family Family Diversity Qualitative research methods Education: The Research Context Achievement in Education - Gender	Globalisation Values in Sociology Social Policy Action Theories Marxism Sociology and Social Policy

Summer 1	Education: the Research Context (continued)	Revision for papers 1-3
	Quantitative research methods	
	Family Diversity	
	Role of education	
Summer 2	Functionalism	
	Feminism	
	Marxism	
	Sociology and Social Policy	

## **Skills**

The skills developed throughout the course include:

- recalling detailed information accurately
- drawing together information from different areas of Sociology
- applying knowledge and understanding of sociological theory to wider sociological issues
- maintaining a sustained line of reasoning, leading to a reasoned conclusion through extended writing
- communicating with relevance, clarity and coherence
- be able to apply material to sociological problems
- be able to compare and contrast sociological research to current events

## **Assessment**

Internal assessment takes place in each unit of work throughout the course, and in line with the school's assessment policy. For the award of the qualification, this linear A level from AQA is examined entirely by examination at the end of Year 13. There are three papers, each equally weighted:

Paper 1 – Education with Theory and Methods

Paper 2 – Topics in Sociology

Paper 3 – Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods

Further details about the course can be found at <a href="https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192">https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192</a>