Holmer Green Senior School

Sociology

2025-26

Curriculum Intent

Work Hard, Be Kind, Have Passion

Sociology helps students to gain knowledge and understanding of key social structures, processes and issues through the study of families, education, crime and deviance and social stratification.

Students will develop their analytical, assimilation and communication skills by comparing perspectives on a variety of social issues, constructing reasoned arguments, making substantiated judgements and drawing reasoned conclusions.

By studying sociology, students will develop transferable skills including how to:

- investigate facts and make deductions
- develop opinions and new ideas on social issues
- analyse and better understand the social world.

Students study key ideas of classical sociologists including Durkheim, Marx, Weber and Walby, referencing their view of the world. Students will also learn how to apply various research methods to different sociological contexts.

HGSS Curriculum Map
Year 10 Sociology

Exam Board: AQA			**Careers:** Law, Social work, Journalism, Politics, Teaching, Business & HR		**Co-Curricular links** English, Religious Studies & History			
	Autumn 1	**Autumn 2**	**Spring 1**	**AP1**	**Spring 2**	**Summer 1**	**Summer 2**	**AP2**
Content	Key sociological terms & concepts Sociological perspectives of Functionalism, Feminism and Marxism. Introduction to Sociological research methods	Sociology of families Functions of families Family forms Conjugal roles	Sociology of families Criticisms of families Trends in divorce Applying sociological perspectives to families	Sociological research methods 12-mark essay on Families topic	Sociology of education Roles and functions of education Types of school and alternatives to school Educational achievement by class, gender and ethnicity	Sociology of education Education & capitalism Functionalist views of education Feminist views of education Processes in school affecting education	Sociology of crime & deviance Social construction of crime and deviance Crime statistics and dark figure of crime Social control	GCSE Paper 1 – Families & Education (100 marks)
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Year 11 Sociology

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	Autumn 1	**Autumn 2**	**Mock Exam**	**Spring 1**	**Spring 2**	**AP2**	**Summer 1**
Content	Sociology of crime & deviance Functionalist views of crime Interactionist views of crime Marxist views of crime Women & crime Ethnicity, prejudice & crime	Social Stratification Functionalist views including Davis & Moore Marx and Weber on socio-economic class Life chances and Devine	Paper 2 Sociology of Crime & Deviance and Social Stratification	Social Stratification Poverty as a social issue Power & authority, the work of Weber Patriarchy and the work of Walby	Revisiting Research Methods Research methods review Analyzing research methodologies Ethical issues in research	Paper 1 Families Education	Exam Skills and Prep. A series of activities and deliberate exam practice to ensure students have a robust understanding of exam assessments. Knowledge drilling and key study revision
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Year 12 Sociology

Exam Board: AQA		**Careers:** Law – Family law Social work – Youth Journalism – Political Teaching – Primary/Secondary Politics – Social Policy		**Co-Curricular:**			
Autumn 1	**Autumn 2**	**Spring 1**	**AP1**	**Spring 2**	**Summer 1**	**Summer 2**	**AP2**
• Key sociological terms and concepts • Sociological perspectives; o Functionalism o Marxism o Feminism o Weberian theory o Postmodernism o New Right • Research design • Qualitative & quantitative methods • Types of data • Primary & secondary sources • Interpretation of data • Practical & Ethical issues	• Sociological perspectives of the family • Changes roles in the family • Demographics changes – Birth & death rates, marriage & divorce rates, Migration & Globalisation,	• Sociological perspectives of Education • Social Policy & the education system • Social Class - Internal & External factors affecting educational achievement	Paper 2 – Topics in Sociology Section A (40 marks) Families & Households 1 hour	• Social policy & the family • Childhood as a social construct • Power & decision making • Dark side of the family • Postmodern families	• Ethnicity - Internal & External factors affecting educational achievement • Gender - Internal & External factors affecting educational achievement	Complete both Education and Families sections Revision including Research methods	Paper 1 – Education with Methods in Context (80 marks) 2 hours Paper 2 – Topics in Sociology Section A (40 marks) Families & Households 1 hour
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	Autumn 1	**Autumn 2**	**Mock Exam**	**Spring 1**	**Spring 2**	**Summer 1**	**Summer 2**	**AP2**
Content	• Year 13 RM • Sociological perspectives of C&D • Criminal & deviant behaviour • Crime control, surveillance prevention & punishment • Social class differences in the social distribution of C&D	• Old & New Media • Ownership & control of the media • Media, globalisation and popular culture • Selection & presentation of the content of the news	• Paper 2 – Topics in Sociology • Section B only – Media (40) • (1 hour) • Paper 3 – Crime & Deviance (80) • (2 hours)	• Ethnic differences in the social distribution of C&D • Gender differences in the social distribution of C&D • Victimology	• Media representations of; o Age o Social class o Ethnicity o Gender o Sexuality o Disability • Relationship between media, content, presentation, & audiences	• Revision – all topics • Exam Skill	N/A	N/A
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