



Overview	In Sociology we offer a diverse and inclusive curriculum in which students can explore how society runs and functions. Students learn more about the social cause and consequence of human behaviour and will learn specifically about the key theoretical underpinnings within Sociology, the education system and culture and identity. Students will gain knowledge of a range of Sociological concepts and enhance their knowledge through discussion and debate.
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	Theory and Methods in Sociology	Education	Assessment
Autumn Term	<p>Overview of topic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Theories within Psychology including conflict, structural and social action theories ■ Concepts of modernity and post modernity ■ The nature of science and the extent to which Sociology can be regarded as a science ■ Subjectivity, objectivity and value freedom ■ The theoretical, practical and ethical considerations influencing choice of topic ■ The distinction between primary and secondary data and quantitative and qualitative data ■ Sources of data (questionnaires, interviews, experiments, observations and secondary data) ■ Relationship between Sociology and social policy 	<p>Overview of topic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The role and functions of the education system ■ Perspectives and education ■ Differential educational achievement of social groups by: social class, gender and ethnicity ■ Internal and external factors affecting educational achievement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Essay questions (20 and 30 marks) on each topic (half term) ■ Summative assessment (half a paper on each section)- 1 hour (end of term) ■ Continuous 20/ 30 mark essays ■ Shorter answer questions ■ Formative questioning ■ Quizzes
	<p>Synoptic Links: Other topics in Sociology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Socialisation- culture and identity ■ Social differentiation, power and stratification ■ Social policies- links to family and education as well as issues with social differentiation and stratification 	<p>Synoptic Links: Other topics in Sociology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Links to Sociological perspectives/theories ■ Social differentiation ■ Secondary Socialisation ■ Social policy regarding education ■ Social differentiation, power and stratification ■ Crime and deviance ■ Social inequality 	
	<p>Key Skills Taught:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Conducting practicals (experiments, observations etc) ■ Debates and discussion ■ Delivering presentations ■ Diversity, equality and inclusion ■ Essay writing practice ■ Formulating strong arguments based on Sociological evidence and research 	<p>Key Skills Taught:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Links to the news and wider society ■ Team building exercises ■ Debates and discussion ■ Formulating strong arguments ■ Delivering presentations ■ Essay writing practice ■ Short answer question practice ■ Diversity, equality and inclusion 	

	Culture and Identity	Education	Assessment
Spring Term	Overview of topic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Different conceptions of culture including subculture, mass culture, folk culture, high and low culture, popular culture and global culture ■ The socialisation process and agencies of socialisation ■ The self and identity ■ The relationship of identity to age, disability, ethnicity, gender, nationality, sexuality and social class ■ The relationship of identity to production, consumption and globalisation 	Overview of topic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Relationships and processes within schools ■ Pupil identities and subcultures ■ The hidden curriculum ■ The organisation of teaching and learning) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Essay question on each topic (20 marks and 30 marks)- half term ■ Half a paper on each topic (1 hour) end of term ■ Continuous practice of essay questions ■ SAQs embedded into booklets ■ Formative questioning ■ Senecas ■ Quizzes
	Synoptic Links: Other topics in Sociology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Sociological theory and perspectives ■ Socialisation ■ Distribution of power Social differentiation and stratification	Synoptic Links: Other topics in Sociology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Links to Sociological perspectives/theories ■ Secondary Socialisation ■ Social policy regarding education ■ Social differentiation, power and stratification 	
	Key Skills Taught: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Wider cultural knowledge ■ Diversity and inclusion ■ Acceptance of differences and diversity within individuals and between cultures ■ Presentation skills ■ Debates, discussion and formulating strong arguments ■ Essay writing practice 	Key Skills Taught: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Diversity, equality and inclusion ■ Understanding differences between individuals and social divides ■ Essay practice ■ Formulating arguments based on opinion and research ■ Debating skills ■ Links to wider society 	

	Methods in Context	Education	Assessment
Summer Term	Overview of topic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Researching pupils, parents, teachers within education ■ Linking knowledge of research methods to aspects of education including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Experiments in context ■ Interviews in context ■ Observations in context ■ Questionnaires in context ■ Secondary sources in context 	Overview of topic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Policies on marketisation and privatisation ■ Policies to achieve greater equality of opportunity or outcomes ■ Policies to enhance access to education ■ The impact of globalisation on educational policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Essay question on each topic (half term) ■ Mock paper ■ Formative questions ■ Senecas ■ Quizzes ■ Continuous essays ■ Short answer questions throughout booklets
	Synoptic Links: Other topics in Sociology Key links to topics in education including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Selection ■ Setting/banding/streaming ■ Teacher labelling ■ Hidden curriculum ■ Differential achievement ■ Anti-school subcultures ■ Out of school factors 	Synoptic Links: Other topics in Sociology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Links to social policy ■ Links to Sociological perspectives/theories ■ Social differentiation, power and stratification 	

Key links to methods including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Questionnaires ■ Interviews ■ Observations ■ Experiments ■ Documents 		
Key skills Taught: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Making links between topics ■ Essay writing/ structure ■ Diversity, equality and inclusion ■ Ethical implications of Sociological research 	Key skills Taught: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Application to real life ■ Discussion and debate ■ Diversity, equality and inclusion ■ Debating skills ■ Essay writing practice 	

Useful Resources for Supporting Your Child at Home:	Homework:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ hecticteachersociology.com/ ■ revisesociology.com/ ■ www.youtube.com/watch?v=FMLFXG5J3KE&list=PLp8BSCLLWBUCY_SBHEYgPBhiPNLnngJnD ■ www.youtube.com/watch?v=D6DI-9pSW-4&list=PLp8BSCLLWBUCFCDhSWN6IZ3URxLDmceJ2 ■ www.youtube.com/watch?v=sWvg5y045YQ ■ www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mrrpt2WPU_E&list=PLp8BSCLLWBUDzaic9U7pTAXxbO5DcaPqe ■ /www.tutor2u.net/sociology/store/selections/revision-flashcards-for-aqa-a-level-sociology ■ www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192/assessment-resources?start_rank=21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Assigned work in books/ on TEAMS ■ Pre reading using companions ■ Projects/practicals ■ Exam practice