

Department Curriculum Vision: Sociology students will explore and critically analyse trends and processes in society, using sociological theorists and their own independent thought and observation

	Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
Content: (Know what...)	Introduction to Sociology • Socialisation, culture and identity • Social differentiation, power and stratification • Conflict • Consensus • Social structure • Social action • Role of values • Sociological theories • Sociological methods • Research designs	Education The theoretical debate, research and sociological explanations around: • Role and function of the education system (including economy and class structure) • Differential educational achievement (social class, gender and ethnicity) • Relationships and processes within schools (teacher/pupil relationships, identities, subcultures, hidden curriculum, teaching and learning) • Educational policies (selection, marketisation, privatisation, policies around outcome and equality, globalisation)
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Key vocabulary	Macro-sociology Micro-sociology Functionalism Marxism Interactionism Feminism New Right Postmodernism	Society Function Conflict Consensus Interpretivist Postmodernist Social class Educational experience Ethnicity Selection Marketisation Privatisation Social policy Equality Globalisation
Mid Term Assessment	Keyword/theories tests and examination questions	Keyword/theories tests and examination questions
End Term Assessment	Examination questions	Examination questions
	Spring 1	Spring 2

Content: (Know what...)	Research Methods in Context (Education) Sociological research methods in the study of education See theories and methods and Education sections	Theories and Methods • Quantitative vs qualitative methods • Research design • Sources of data • Positivism, interpretivism and sociological methods • 'Social facts' • Theoretical, practical and ethical considerations • Consensus, conflict, structural and social action theories • Modernity and postmodernity as concepts and in relation to sociological theory • Science and sociology • Theory and methods - the relationship between the two • Subjectivity, objectivity, value freedom • Relationship between sociology and social policy
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Content:	Families and Households	Families and Households
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	- Families and social structure, as well as social change (economy and state policy) - Changing patterns of marriage, cohabitation, separation, divorce, childbearing and life course - Sociology of personal life - Diversity of contemporary family and household structures - Gender roles, domestic labour, power relationships - Childhood and changes in the status of children - Demographic trends since 1900 (birth and death rates, family size, life expectancy, ageing population, migration and globalisation)	- Families and social structure, as well as social change (economy and state policy) - Changing patterns of marriage, cohabitation, separation, divorce, childbearing and life course - Sociology of personal life - Diversity of contemporary family and household structures - Gender roles, domestic labour, power relationships - Childhood and changes in the status of children - Demographic trends since 1900 (birth and death rates, family size, life expectancy, ageing population, migration and globalisation)
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Additional information		
Homework	Homework will include research, consolidation tasks, further reading and examination style questions.	
Extra curricular and enrichment opportunities	Wider Reading - e.g. <i>Sociology Review</i> Engagement with Northwood Diploma Sixth Form Mentor	
Useful links that will support learning	AQA Sociology - https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192 Core textbooks - AQA Sociology for A-Level Book 1 (David Bown, Laura Pountney, Tomislav Maric) and AQA Sociology for A-Level	

	Book 2 (David Bown, Laura Pountney, Tomislav Maric, Natalie Meadows) (These may be available second hand for cheaper elsewhere)
How parents can support learning	Watch and discuss the news, trends in society, changing behaviours and attitudes.