KS4 Sociology Curriculum Map

	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Unit	The Sociological Approach	Sociology research methods	Families	Education
Knowledge	What is Sociology? Conflict and consensus Culture and nature Emile Durkheim Karl Marx and Max Weber An introduction to functionalism An introduction to Marxism An introduction to interactionism An introduction to Feminism An introduction to New Right ideas Social structures Social processes Social issues (crime and poverty) Sex and gender Race and ethnicity	Research design Qualitative and quantitative methods Different types of data Primary and secondary sources Interpretation of data Practical issues Ethical issues Pilot studies and the scientific method Sampling Experiments Surveys Interviews Questionnaires Observation Ethnography Small scale research projects	Differing views of the functions of families. Parsons' functionalist perspective on primary socialisation and the stabilisation of adult personalities. Different views of conjugal role relationships. The feminist perspective of Oakley on the idea of the conventional family Changing relationships within families. How relationships within families have changed over time. The theory of the symmetrical family and the principle of stratified diffusion developed from the functionalist perspective of Willmott and Young. Different criticisms of families (isolation and unrealistic idealisation, loss of traditional functions, lack of contact with wider kinship networks, the status and role of women within families, marital breakdown, dysfunctional families). The work of Zaretsky on developments in families from a Marxist perspective and Delphy and Leonard's feminist critique of families. How family forms differ in the UK and within a global context. The work of the Rappaports on family diversity.	Different views of the role and functions of education. The functionalist perspective of Durkheim on education as the transmission of norms and values and Parsons on achieved status and the operation of schools on meritocratic principles. Different views of the correspondence principle on the relationship between education and capitalism as developed from a Marxist perspective by Bowles and Gintis. Factors affecting educational achievement. The work of Halsey on class-based inequalities and Ball on parental choice and competition between schools Processes within schools affecting educational achievement. The work of Ball on teacher expectations and Willis on the creation of counter school cultures.
Rationale	Students will have little formal knowledge of GCSE Sociology. This topic is taught first to give a solid foundation of the subject. Students are expected to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of key sociological theories by reading and responding to extracts which illustrate the different views of sociologists.	This topic is taught here because, in future topics that form the GCSE questions pupils need a knowledge of both the theory and the research methods in order to make a link.	This topic is taught after the first two so that links can be made with both the sociological theory, and different research methods.	This topic is taught after families so that pupils can make references to the impact that different family forms have on education. It is also taught after the theory so that pupils have an understanding of Feminist, Marxist and other theories of the educational system, in addition to being able to draw upon the pupils' understanding of sex and

	They should be able to critically analyse and evaluate how the issues have been interpreted by these			gender, ethnicity and the different research methods.
	Sociologists.			
Assessment	No formal assessment in this topic as	No formal assessment in this topic as it	GCSE Style exam questions on this topic.	GCSE Style exam questions on this topic.
	it is taught first in order to gain an	is taught first in order to gain an	Formative assessment at the end of topic.	Formative assessment at the end of
	understanding of the key theories so	understanding of the key theories so	Assessing knowledge throughout topic.	topic. Assessing knowledge throughout
	that they can be used in future topics.	that they can be used in future topics.		topic.

	Unit 5	Unit 6	
Unit	Crime	Social Stratification	Revision
Knowledge	The social construction of concepts of crime and	Different views of the functionalist theory of social	An overview of the four key areas of the course
	deviance and explanations of crime and deviance.	stratification.	(family, education, crime, social stratification) in
	The work of Merton on the causes of crime from a	The work of Davis and Moore on social stratification	addition to further understanding both the
	functionalist perspective and Becker from an	from a functionalist perspective.	sociological theory and the different research
	interactionist perspective.	Different views of socio-economic class.	methods that are necessary to linking the key topics
	Formal and informal methods of social control.	The work of Marx and Weber on socio-economic	with the relevant theory and research.
	The work of Heidensohn on female conformity in	class.	
	male dominated patriarchal societies.	Different views on factors affecting life chances.	
	Factors affecting criminal and deviant behaviour and	The work of Devine revisiting the idea of the affluent	
	ways in which criminal and deviant behaviour have	worker.	
	generated public debate.	Different interpretations of poverty as a social issue.	
	The work of Albert Cohen on delinquent subcultures	The work of Townsend on relative deprivation and	
	and Carlen on women, crime and poverty.	Murray on the underclass.	
	The usefulness of the main sources of data on crime,	Different forms of power and authority.	
	the collection of official data on crime, patterns and	The work of Weber on power and authority.	
	trends in crime figures and the 'dark figure'.	Describe and explain different views on factors	
		affecting power relationships.	
		The work of Walby on patriarchy.	
Rationale	This topic is taught after both families and education	This topic is taught here to allow pupils to analyse	To ensure that pupils are fully confident in all four
	so that pupils can analyse how both family and	how family and education can impact upon their	key areas of the course.
	education can impact crime. It is also important for	social stratification, and is also taught just after	
	pupils to have an understanding of race, sex and	crime so that pupils can see the interwoven	
	gender and how this impacts upon crime, as well as	relationship between class and crime, in addition to	
	having a sound knowledge of the different	drawing on their knowledge of sociological theory in	
	sociological theories and research methods.	analysing life chances based on the topics previously	
		studied.	
Assessment	GCSE Style exam questions on this topic. Formative	GCSE Style exam questions on this topic. Formative	Past GCSE papers across all four topics. Assessing
	assessment at the end of topic. Assessing knowledge	assessment at the end of topic. Assessing knowledge	knowledge throughout topic.
	throughout topic.	throughout topic.	