



Sociology

Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11)

Qualification AQA GCSE Sociology (8192). Sociology is currently running in Year 11 only; it is not being offered to Year 10 this year.

Unit	Topic	What students learn	Term
Year 11			
Unit 5 – Crime and Deviance	Introduction to crime and deviance	The difference between crime and deviance; measuring crime through official statistics, victim surveys and self-report studies; crime as a social construct (Howard Becker); quiz.	Autumn
	Factors affecting criminal behaviour	Biological, psychological and sociological explanations of crime, including labelling and subcultures; patterns of crime by social class, gender (Frances Heidensohn), ethnicity and age; quiz.	Autumn
	Social control	Informal and formal social control; young offenders, the prison system and sentencing for violent crime; media reporting of crime and moral panics; quiz.	Autumn
	Sociological theories of crime	Functionalist, Marxist and other explanations of crime and deviance; end-of-unit test.	Spring
Unit 6 – Social Stratification	Social stratification and social class	Types of stratification and the functionalist view (Davis and Moore); socio-economic class and the ideas of Marx and Weber; life chances, the affluent worker and social mobility; quiz.	Spring / Summer
	Poverty	Absolute and relative poverty, relative deprivation (Townsend), the underclass (Murray), globalisation and perspectives on the welfare state; quiz.	Summer
	Power	Weber on power and authority, political power, democracy and political parties in the UK, power relationships and patriarchy (Walby); end-of-unit test.	Summer