



Subject	Year	Term
Sociology	12	2
Topic		
Research Methods & Methods in Context		
Content (Intent)		
Prior Learning (Topic)	Education	
- Develop an understanding of how sociologists conduct research and investigate social issues. - Explore the strengths, limitations and practical application of a range of research methods used in sociology. - Examine theoretical, practical and ethical considerations influencing sociological research. - Understand key methodological concepts including reliability, validity, representativeness and objectivity. - Apply knowledge of research methods to educational settings through Methods in Context. - Develop the ability to analyse, evaluate and select appropriate research methods for different research purpose.		
Future Learning (Topic)	Crime & Deviance	
What Knowledge and Skills will be taught (Implementation)	How will your understanding be assessed & recorded (Impact)	
Skills - Supports the study of all substantive topics through a greater understanding of how sociological knowledge is created. - Develops critical thinking and evaluation skills required throughout the A Level course. - Builds confidence in analysing and evaluating sociological evidence and research findings. - Provides foundations for Theory and Methods studied in Year 13. - Enhances essay-writing and examination skills, particularly application and evaluation. - Develops transferable skills valued in higher education and future employment, including research, analysis and communication	- Summative assessment tests at the end of each topic area. - October assessment assessing content studied up until that point. - Whiteboards used for informative assessment in every lesson. - Regular low-stakes knowledge quizzes and retrieval activities. - Completion of examination-style questions in class and for homework. - Timed essays assessing knowledge, application, analysis and evaluation. - Teacher feedback through classwork, homework and assessments. - Self-assessment and peer-assessment activities.	
How can parents help at home?		
- Encourage regular review of class notes and revision materials. - Discuss current social research findings reported in the media. - Test knowledge of key concepts, methods and methodological issues. - Encourage wider reading around contemporary social issues and sociological research. - Support the completion of homework and independent study tasks. - Help students organise folders, notes and revision resources. - Encourage students to evaluate the strengths and limitations of research they encounter. - Promote effective revision routines and study habits.		
Helpful further reading/discussion (including Reading and Vocabulary Lists)		
- AQA A Level Sociology Book One – Webb et al. - Sociology Review magazine. - Investigating Sociology – Green and Browne. - Relevant articles from BBC News, The Guardian and The Conversation. - AQA Sociology website resources and specification guidance		