Curriculum Map: Sociology Year 12

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Content	Topic 1a. What is	Topic 1a. What is	Topic 2a - What is the	Topic 2a -What are the	Topic 2b -what are the	Topic 2b - How can
Declarative	culture?	identity?	relationship between	main stages of the research	main patterns and	patterns and trends in
	Be able to understand the relative nature of culture, norms and values. Culture, norms and values Types of culture: subculture high culture popular culture global culture consumer culture Cultural diversity	Understand how identities are created including the influence of agencies of socialisation. Understand the different aspects of an individual's identity, their relative importance to individuals and ways in which they may intersect. Consider changing	theory and methods? Positivism: patterns trends objectivity value freedom quantitative data Interpretivism: meanings and experiences verstehen and empathy rapport subjectivity	process? Key concepts in the research process: factors influencing the choice of research topic aims/hypothesis/research questions primary data secondary data operationalisation pilot studies data collection respondent validation longitudinal studies	trends in social inequality and difference? Consider the main patterns and trends in relation to work and employment. Consider evidence of social inequalities from a range of areas of social life. Consider how social inequalities affect life chances. Social inequality and	patterns and trends in social inequality and difference be explained? Understand the distinctive concepts and ideas associated with each theory. The main sociological explanations of social inequality and difference: functionalism Marxism
	Topic 1a. What is socialisation? Be able to link definitions of primary socialisation and secondary socialisation to relevant agencies of socialisation, understanding that socialisation is a lifelong process. understand the link between socialisation and the creation of identities. consider the implications of the nature/ nurture debate for an understanding of socialisation. The concept of identity and the associated cultural characteristics: ethnicity nationality gender social class sexuality age disability Hybrid identities Topic 1b – Theoretical views of Media representations Understand the theoretical explanations	reflexivity qualitative data Key research concepts: validity reliability representativeness generalisability Topic 1b -What effect do the media have on audiences?	the relationship between sociology and social policy Sampling process Sampling techniques random systematic stratified snowball volunteer opportunity purposive		feminism New Right	
		Understand what effect the media has on audiences. Theoretical views of media effects: direct indirect active audience	quota Access and gatekeeping Ethics Topic 2a - Which methods are used in sociological research?	ideas associated with each theory. The main sociological explanations of social inequality and difference: functionalism		

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	explore the overlap	of how different social		understand how social	Marxism	
	between formal and	group are represented.	understand a range of	research is guided by	Weberian	
	informal social control		theories on the effects	theory.	feminism	
	for work, education and		of the media on the	use these concepts in an	New Right	
	religion	Marxism	audience, including:	evaluative way when		
		neo-Marxism	hypodermic syringe;	considering the research		
	Primary and secondary	pluralism	two-step flow; cultural	process and methodological		
	socialisation	feminism	effects; uses and	theories.		
	Agencies of	postmodernism	gratifications.	consider how sociological		
	socialisation:			research contributes to		
			The role of the media in	social policy.		
	family		deviance amplification			
	peer group		and the creation of	understand the practical,		
	media		moral panics	ethical and theoretical		
	religion		moral pariles	factors influencing choice of		
	education			sampling process.		
'	workplace			understand the advantages		
				and disadvantages of		
	Nature/nurture debate			random and non-random		
	Formal agencies of			sampling techniques.		
	social control:			understand how samples		
	police			are accessed and the issues		
	law/legal system			with access.		
	courts					
	government			understand ethical		
	military			considerations such as those		
	Timical y			used by the British		
	Informal agencies of			Sociological Association and		
	social control:			why ethical principles		
				should be followed.		
	family			consider the uses of		
	peer group/subcultures			research methods in the		
	media			context of social		
	religion			inequalities.		
	education					
]	workplace			Research methods:		
				questionnaires		
	Topic 1b - How are			questionnaires		
	different social groups			structured interviews		
	represented in the			statistical data (official and		
	media?			non-official)		
				content analysis		

Skills Procedural	Ao1 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of: sociological sociologi	ogical theories, concepts and evidence sociological research methods
Skills	Be able to provide evidence of representations in the media and how far these are changing in relation to: ethnicity (majority and minority ethnic groups) gender (masculinity and femininity) social class (middle, working, upper, under) age (Children, youths, and elderly) Be able to discuss representation of a range of ethnicities. For example, UK nationalities (Irish, Scottish, Welsh, English) and also newer immigrant groups as well as more established minority ethnic groups.	semi structured interviews ethnography Quantitative and qualitative data Mixed methods triangulation methodological pluralism Topic 2b -what are the main patterns and trends in social inequality and difference? Consider the main patterns and trends in relation to work and employment. Consider evidence of social inequalities from a range of areas of social life. Consider how social inequalities affect life chances. Social inequality and difference in relation to: social class gender ethnicity age
	different social groups are represented in the media.	non-participant, covert, overt) unstructured interviews

Procedural Knowledge 'I know how to'

Ao2

Apply sociological theories, concepts, evidence and research methods to a range of issues

A03

Analyse and evaluate sociological theories, concepts, evidence and research methods in order to: present arguments, make judgements, draw conclusions

Strategies Conditional Knowledge 'I know when to'	 Use knowledge and application in my written answers to provide an accurate and detailed answer. Use evaluation skills to analyse and evaluate. Use Named Studies Use Key Concepts Use Contemporary examples Use Contemporary statistics Use Sociological theory Have a well-developed line of reasoning, which is clear and logically structured Reach a credible and fully supported critical conclusion. 					
Key Questions	What is culture? How are different social groups represented in the media?	What is socialisation? What are the theoretical views of Media representations?	What is identity? What effect do the media have on audiences?	What is the relationship between theory and methods? What are the main patterns and trends in social inequality and difference?	What are the main patterns and trends in social inequality and difference? How can patterns and trends in social inequality and difference be explained?	How can patterns and trends in social inequality and difference be explained?
Assessment topics	Past exam questions on culture Past exam questions on representations of CAGE (Class, Age, Gender, Ethnicity) in media	Past exam questions on Socialisation Past exam questions on theoretical views of the media.	Past exam questions on identity Past exam questions on effects on audiences.	Past exam questions on theory and methods. Past exam questions on patterns and trends of CAGE (Class, Age, Gender, Ethnicity) in social inequality and difference.	Past exam questions on patterns and trends of CAGE (Class, Age, Gender, Ethnicity) in social inequality and difference. Past exam questions on theoretical explanations of social inequality and difference.	Past exam questions on theoretical explanations of social inequality and difference.
Cross curricular links/Character Education	Raising political awareness. Raising awareness of the differing experiences of people in modern society. Encourage students to look at their own	Awareness of the bias within media and the political leanings of the mass media outlets. Encourage an open and critical mind. Identify global citizenship issues that	Develop an awareness of our own identity and the different aspects which help form this. A tolerance of other types of identities and a respect for all people and the differences between us.	An awareness of the disparity of experiences of different social groups. An awareness of the inequality that exists in our society. Encourage students to 'go and do likewise' by	Develop an awareness and understanding of the differing views in our political spectrum. Windows, mirrors, and doors. How do our experiences affect our world view?	Develop an awareness and understanding of the differing views in our political spectrum. Windows, mirrors, and doors. How do our experiences affect our world view?

identity and how it is	are topical and in the	challenging inequality	Encourage students to	Encourage students to
formed.	media.	whenever they see it.	identify their own	identify their own
		Developing an awareness of	political leanings and	political leanings and
Windows, mirrors, and	Developing critical	the privileges in our lives	bias.	bias.
doors. How do our	thinking ability.	and how some people are		
experiences affect our		much less fortunate.	Develop a respect for	Develop a respect for
world view?	Develop an awareness		alternative views and	alternative views and
	and respect for the	Encourage students to	an ability to listen to	an ability to listen to
Fostering tolerance	differing world views	promote equality and	others who hold	others who hold
between different socia	al that we have.	fairness in all their dealings	differing views in a calm	differing views in a calm
groups.		with other people and in	and respectful manner.	and respectful manner.
		their treatment of the		
Promote empathy and		environments and	Develop reasoned	Develop reasoned
developing of a moral		communities in which we	thought in dialogue	thought in dialogue
compass for interacting		live.	with others.	with others.
with others and				
understanding and			Encourage students to	Encourage students to
respecting the differing			'go and do likewise' by	'go and do likewise' by
experiences of differen	t		challenging inequality	challenging inequality
people.			whenever they see it	whenever they see it