

AQA Sociology A Level - Overview

Year Group	Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term
	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5 and Term 6
<p>Year 12</p> <p><i>The first year will follow the AS content of the A Level, which will introduce the key topics of sociology, with teaching of research methods explicitly taught by ALE. BHA will teach Education and methods in context.</i></p>	<p>Introduction to Sociology : Theory and Methods (BHA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socialisation • Culture and Identity • Social class, mobility and status • Structuralism (functionalism and Marxism) • Social Action • Feminism • New Right Perspective • Modernism • Postmodernism <p>Research Methods (ALE)</p>	<p>Education and Methods in Context (BHA/ALE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of education system • Relationships and Processes within schools • Class and differential achievement in education • Ethnicity and differential achievement in education • Gender and differential achievement in education • State policy and education • Application of research methods to education <p><i>Research Methods taught within Education and context</i></p>	<p>Sociological Theory and Methods (A Level recap)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consensus Structuralism • Conflict structuralism • Action Theories • Modernity • Sociology and Science • Sociology Theory and Methods • Sociology and Social Theory <p>Work, Poverty and Welfare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definitions of poverty • The distribution of poverty, wealth and income • Explanations of poverty • Social policy and poverty • The Labour process • Work and Life Chances 	<p>Crime and Deviance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defining crime and deviance • Functionalist theories of crime • Labelling theory of crime • Marxist Theories of Crime • Left and Right Realist theories of crime • Crime, Ethnicity and social class • Crime and Gender • Recent Issues in Crime and Deviance • The Media and state crime • Victims, prevention and punishment 	
<p>Year 13</p> <p><i>Students will develop their AS knowledge into A2 building on sociological theory and methods and applying this to new contexts of crime, deviance and the media.</i></p>	<p>The Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ownership and control of Media • New media • Selecting and presenting the news • Media representations • Media and its audience • Interpreting the Media • Globalisation and popular culture 	<p>Revision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and Methods in Context • Work Poverty and welfare • Sociological theory 	<p>Revision</p>		