

GCSE Sociology Mastery

Curriculum Plan

(Updated June 2025)

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
Autumn	The Sociological Approach				Families							
	Intro / Key terms & concepts Key terms & concepts	Key terms & concepts Different ways of studying	Intro to functionalism Intro to Marxism	Intro to feminism Intro to New Right / Interactionism	Key Assessment – Introduction to Sociology DIRT	What is family? /Family types Family types / Structure	Types of marriage Types of marriage	Divorce timeline / Alternatives to divorce Reasons for divorce	Reasons & Consequences of divorce 12m question	Power relationships Power relationships	Theories of family Key Sociologists	Birth rate & application of theory Life expectancy & application of theory
Spring	Families		Education									
	Family revision Family revision	Family assessment DIRT	The education journey School diversity	School diversity De-schooling / 12m question	Education policy – 1944 Education policy - 1965	Education policy – 1988 Education policy – 1997 & 2010	Introduction to achievement External factors affecting achievement	Internal factors affecting achievement Social class factors affecting achievement	Gender factors affecting achievement Ethnicity factors affecting achievement	12 mark question Role of education	Role of education Key sociologists	Education revision Education revision
Summer	Education		Research Methods									
	Education assessment DIRT	Introduction to research methods Primary methods - questionnaires	Primary methods – interviews Primary methods - observation	Primary methods – observation Primary methods - experiments	Primary methods – experiments Sampling methods	Secondary methods – statistics Secondary methods - documents	Secondary methods – case studies / Triangulation Issues in research	Issues in research Summer mock prep	Summer mock prep Summer mock	Summer mock DIRT Flexible to facilitate work experience, FLD etc	Flexible to facilitate work experience, FLD etc	Flexible to facilitate work experience, FLD etc

Year 11

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Autumn													
		Difference between crime and deviance as a social construct	Measuring crime Factors affecting criminal behaviour	Factors affecting criminal behaviour Factors affecting criminal behaviour	Functional theory of crime Functional theory of crime	Marxist theory Marxist Theory	Feminist theory / Key sociologists Interactionist theory of crime	Who commits crime – social class Who commits crime – gender	Key Sociologists Who commits crime – Ethnicity	Young offenders Punishments	Crime & Media Revision	Mock 1 Assessment DIRT	Formal & informal social control
Spring		Social Stratification											
		Intro to Stratification / Examples - Life Chances - Education	Life Chances – Health Theories of poverty	Theories of poverty The welfare state	Power & authority Power & authority	Political power Political power	Revision Mock 2 Assessment	DIRT Political elections	Political elections Pressure groups	Power relationships Globalisation	Functional theory / Social mobility	Feminist theory Marxist theory	The underclass The affluent worker
Summer		Final Revision					Exam Papers						
		Final knowledge consolidation Question technique					Paper 1	Paper 2					