

| Learning Cycle Knowledge and Skills Year 1 | Vocabulary & numerical concepts | Checking of understanding | Rationale |
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| Autumn TermSociological Theory Consensus views including Functionalism, New Right, Social Democratic approach• Conflict Theory such as Marxism, Neo-Marxism, Branches of Feminism• Social Action Theories • Modernity V Postmodernity• Research Methods • The distinction between primary and secondary data, and between | Key Term Glossaries Word Maps Reading list distributed with academic texts and journals Theory: norms, values, collective consciousness, adaption, goal attainment, integration, latency, capitalism, false class consciousness, alienation, political lesbianism, separation, labelling, dramaturgical model, globalisation, modernity Methods: PET, positivist, interpretivist, quantitative, qualitative, sampling, validity, representative, generalisability, demand characteristics, Hawthorne effect | Introductory baseline assessment Key term recall through knowledge check Q&A Spaced repetition testing with a focus on new terminology Practice using technical language in sentence and paragraph writing Modelling subject specific independent learning techniques Skills focus on individual assessment objectives in lesson | Theory and Methods are taught first to allow learners gauge the very essence of what sociology is. This is particularly important as most learners join the course with very limited prior knowledge. Theory & Methods introduce the language of sociology and gives students a realistic introduction to the academic rigour and demands of the course. The synoptic nature of Theory & Methods allows for spaced repetition as they are required to apply each theory/method to subsequent topics. Transformation – Students gain new perspectives which challenge their own perceptions. They are required to analytically evaluate the usefulness of approaches and in doing so reflect on ideas in relation to personal experiences. Enriched curriculum is taught via accessing academic and public research. Learners are also encouraged to engage with the news, applying 21st Century examples to theoretical ideas e.g. BLM, inequality, status, LGBTQ, patriarchy. Students research prevalent Black sociologists and the Black |

| Numeracy: | End of topic test | Feminist Movement during Black History |
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| Independent data | (multi-choice) | Month. |
| gathering, usefulness and limitations of statistical data - ONS, Census, Global Drugs Survey, British Social Attitudes Survey | 10 and 20 mark exam style questions used for individual/group planning and assessment in timed conditions | Ambition – Learners are given the opportunity to plan and actively conduct their own research. Thus equipping them with vital skills required at degree level and in relevant employment sectors Personal Development – Specific links are made to the following PD (wider college) themes: heritage, culture, identity, gender, sexuality, ethnicity, social class, diversity, equality, contemporary global issues |

| Spring | Education | Key Term Glossaries | Getting you | The curriculum is designed to allow students |
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| Term | The role and function of | | thinking tasks – | to reflect on and apply theoretical |
| | the education system, | Word Maps | based on | knowledge in a logical fashion. It builds on |
| | including its relationships | | interleaving and | core elements of the theory and methods |
| | to the economy and class | Academic texts and | retrieval of theory | curriculum and allows learners to see the |
| | structures | journals | and methods | application of theorical ideas in relation to |
| | Differential educational | | | the real world. Learners can further build |
| | achievement of social | Education: meritocracy, | Spaced repetition | upon their knowledge of research methods |
| | groups by social class, | role allocation, | testing with a focus | through application and sustained practice |
| | gender and ethnicity in | correspondence | on new | to both researching educational settings, |
| | contemporary society | principle, hidden | terminology | changing family patterns and the domestic |
| | | curriculum, social | | division of labour. The sensitive nature of |
| | Theory and Methods | mobility, male gaze, de- | Practice using | numerous topic this term requires trusting |
| | Different sociological | industrialisation, | technical | relationships to have been established |
| | methods applied to the | hegemonic masculinity, | language | between teacher, learners and peers. The |
| | context of education | material deprivation, | independently in | familiarity of both topics mean that |
| | | language codes, | essay writing | teaching of this content in the spring term |
| | Families & Households | cultural capital, habitus, | | allows leaners to appreciate the need to |
| | • Changing patterns of | ethnocentric curriculum | Modelling subject | think objectively/ academically. |
| | marriage, cohabitation, | | specific | |
| | separation, divorce, | Families & households: | independent | Transformation – Learners acquire an |
| | childbearing and the life | domestic division of | learning | understanding of how the distribution of |
| | course, including the | labour, symmetrical | techniques | power creates status inequality in different |
| | sociology of personal life | families, conjugal roles, | | social contexts. Concepts such as |
| | • The diversity of | domestic violence, | Skills focus on | patriarchy, capitalism, cultural capital are |
| | contemporary family and | same sex marriage act, | individual | explicitly related to life chances. Analysis of |
| | household structures. | social construction, age | assessment | a range of conflicting perspectives allows |
| | Gender roles, domestic | patriarchy, toxic | objectives in lesson | learners to think more critically about the |
| | labour and power | childhood | | information in which they are exposed. |
| | relationships within the | | 4, 6, 2x10, 20 & 30 | |
| | family in contemporary | Numeracy: Data | mark exam style | Enriched curriculum – opportunities for wider |
| | society | analysis of key stage 4 & | questions used for | reading of academic research e.g. Archer's |
| | • The nature of childhood, | 5 statistics. Census data | individual/group | Nike identities, Criado-Perez Invisible |
| | and changes in the status | on family trends and | planning and | Women. Research and analysis of Census |
| | | patterns. | | population data on family structures and |

| of children in the family and society. | assessment in timed conditions | the value of domestic labour. Learners explore the social construction of childhood through medieval art and contemporary photography. |
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| | | Ambition - Leaners are challenged to develop study skills required at undergraduate level through the analysis of academic research. Learners are encouraged to offer their own solutions to social problems/issues. |
| | | Personal Development – Specific reference is made to British Values, Careers and Post- 18 options, identity and inequality. Learning about differential achievement promotes tolerance and mutual respect. Presentation of 'Careers related to Sociology' given in National Careers Week. |

| Summer | Education | Key Term Glossaries | Getting you thinking | Education policy allows learners to build |
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| Term | | -, | tasks – based on | on knowledge of differential |
| | • The significance of | Word Maps | interleaving and | achievement and explore the |
| | educational policies, | | retrieval of theory & | effectiveness of government policy in |
| | including policies of | Academic texts and | methods, plus spring | addressing equality of opportunity. |
| | selection, marketisation | journals | term topics | Learners are expected to apply their |
| | and privatisation | | | acquired knowledge to theoretical |
| | • Policies to achieve greater | Education: | Spaced repetition | explanations of the role of the family. In |
| | equality of opportunity or | compensatory, | testing with a focus on | doing so, they will draw reasoned links to |
| | outcome, for an | education | new terminology | the relationship between policy making, |
| | understanding of the | maintenance | | household structures and population |
| | structure, role, impact and | allowance, pupil | Practice using | trends |
| | experience of and access | premium, marketisation, | technical language | |
| | to education | cream-skimming, silt- | independently in essay | Transformation – Learners will acquire an |
| | The impact of | shifting, privatisation, | writing | understanding of school and university |
| | globalisation on | colaisation, global | | admissions policies allowing them to |
| | educational policy. | comparisons, PISA | | make informed life decisions. |
| | | | 4, 6, 2x10, 20 & 30 mark | Furthermore, leaners will recognise how |
| | Families & Households | Families & Households: | exam style questions | political ideology shapes policy making |
| | | four functions, | used for | allowing them to explore their own |
| | The relationship of the | indispensability, | individual/group | political opinions. This is related to |
| | family to the social | functional fit, unit of | planning and | aspects of their own lives such as health |
| | structure and social | production, unit of | assessment in timed | care, housing and employment policy. |
| | change, with particular | consumption, | conditions | |
| | reference to the economy | inheritance, welfare | | Enriched curriculum - Leaners will role |
| | and to state policies | dependency, | End of year | play a simulation of marketised |
| | • Demographic trends in the | individualisation, life- | assessment: full paper | education allowing them to identify how |
| | United Kingdom since | course analysis, web of | | systems work through real experience. |
| | 1900: birth rates, death | connectedness, | | Global comparisons made through |
| | rates, family size, life | structured dependency, | | research of education systems in |
| | expectancy, ageing | hybrid identity | | Finland, South Korea and China. |
| | population, and migration | | | Learners will research current political |
| | and globalisation. | Numeracy: analysis of | | party migration policies including |
| | | demographic statistics, | | historical references to Windrush, hostile |

| how PISA results are quantified | environment and will take the British Citizenship test. Leaners will research cross-cultural examples of demographic government policies. |
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| | Ambition - Learners will develop their political literacy and reflect upon their personal values. Leaners are encouraged to practice their independent revision strategies in an end of year assessment. |
| | Personal Development - British values democracy, rule of law and individual liberty will all be explored through government policy and the rights of British citizens. The themes of heritage, diversity and contemporary global issues will be drawn out with explicit refence to the PD curriculum. Post-18 and career focus with the promotion of open days, public lectures, university visits and Alumni workshops. |

| Autumn | Beliefs in Society | | Families and | Beliefs in Society was selected as an |
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| Term | | Key Term Glossaries | Households mini- | optional topic as it allows learners to |
| | • Definitions of religion | | assessment and end of | think philosophically about how |
| | Religious organisations, | Word Maps | topic test | personal and societal beliefs shape |
| | including cults, sects, | | | opinions, political decision making and |
| | denominations, churches | Reading lists | Key term recall through | culture. Thereby, extending learners |
| | and New Age | | knowledge check | world-view. Leaners develop a deep |
| | movements, and their | Beliefs: new religious | Q&A | understanding about how ideologies |
| | relationship to religious | movement, new age | | develop and are able to see how |
| | and spiritual belief and | movement, theodicy of | Spaced repetition | traditional and non-conventional belief |
| | practice | disprivilege, integrative | testing with a focus on | systems can create social harmony or |
| | The role and function of | force, substantive, | new terminology | lead to social change. |
| | religion | functional, regulatory, | | Ū. |
| | The relationship between | psychological function, | Practice using | Crime is a compulsory component. |
| | social change and social | opium of the masses, | technical language in | Learners are engaged by using their |
| | stability, and religious | ideological control, | paragraph writing and | knowledge of theory and methods to |
| | beliefs, practices and | conservative force, | essay writing | assess the different ways of measuring |
| | organisations. | Calvinism, Civil Rights, | | and explanations for crime. By this stage |
| | | liberation theology, | Skills focus on high tariff | students should be familiar with these |
| | Crime & Deviance | organic intellectuals, | assessment objectives | theories and should be more confident |
| | | disembedding, | in lesson i.e. | when applying the to a new topic. |
| | Measuring crime using | reflexivity | developing analysis, | Some of the theories, particularly |
| | official statistics, victim | | creating chains of | functionalism are explored in a deeper |
| | surveys, self-report studies | Crime: validity, dark | reasoning and using | and more nuanced way therefore it |
| | • Defining crime, deviance, | figure of crime, | SCALE evaluation | helps to wait until year |
| | social order and social | boundary | | 13 before starting this topic. |
| | control including | maintenance, | 4, 6, 2x10, 20 & 30 mark | |
| | theoretical perspectives of | adaptation, strain | exam style questions | The synoptic nature of Sociology allows |
| | crime and deviance | theory, subcultural | used for | learners to re-visit familiar theoretical |
| | | strain, selective law | individual/group | perspectives and research methods |
| | | enforcement, | planning and | throughout both topics. This allows for |
| | | criminogenic capitalism, | assessment in timed | spaced repetition as they are required |
| | | secondary deviance, | conditions | to apply each theory/method to |
| | | negotiation of justice, | | subsequent topics. |
| | | marginalisation | | |

| Numeracy: Independent data analysis of Census data on religious belief and practice. Access and analyse the validity of crime statistics drawn from a range of sources. | College wide mock exams (November) | Transformation – Learners will gain an understanding of the complex relationship between the state and religion. They will analyse how ideology influences policy making and subsequent social change. In the crime topic, leaners will gain knowledge of how the criminal justice system operates and reinforces their understanding of 'the rule of law'. |
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| | | Enriched curriculum is taught via accessing academic and public research. Learners will engage with the news, applying 21 st Century examples to traditional theoretical ideas e.g. LSE research on the London Riots, Grenfell, Panama Papers. Owen Jones book 'Chavs' is used to illustrate how the media can shape our perceptions of crime and victimhood. |
| | | Ambition – Learners can link their learning to 'Life Behind Bars' conference allowing them to see the relationship between theory and reality. Real world examples are selected across both topics to encourage critical thinking and challenge misconceptions. |
| | | Personal Development – Learners will explore personal, moral and spiritual elements of their identity through reflection on belief systems and the classification of crime/deviance. This promotes tolerance, mutual respect and |

| Spring | Beliefs in Society | Key Term Glossaries | Getting you thinking | Learners are now in a position to be |
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| Term | Deners in Society | | tasks – based on | able to apply theoretical knowledge to |
| Territ | • The relationship between | Word Maps | interleaving and | the religiosity of different social groups |
| | different social groups and | | retrieval of theory and | enabling an appreciation of the |
| | religious/spiritual | Academic texts and | methods | nuances of discussion around |
| | organisations and | journals | memous | secularisation. Learners will continue to |
| | movements, beliefs and | | Spaced repetition | consider how religion varies across local, |
| | practices. | Beliefs: cultural | testing with a focus on | national and international contexts and |
| | The significance of religion | transition, cultural | new terminology | evaluate the impact of globalisation |
| | and religiosity in the | defence, generational | new remninology | and religious fundamentalism. To |
| | contemporary world, | effect, structural | Practice using | conclude this topic learners can draw |
| | including the nature and | differentiation, | technical language | comparisons and make reasoned |
| | extent of secularisation in | rationalisation, | independently in essay | judgements about the nature and |
| | a global context, and | Fundamentalism, | writing | function of different belief systems |
| | globalisation and the | open/closed belief | , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , | including religion, science, ideology and |
| | spread of religions. | systems, utopian | Modelling subject | nationalism. |
| | Ideology, science and | ideology | specific independent | |
| | religion | | learning techniques | Learners conclude the crime topic by |
| | | Crime & Deviance: | | considering the more contemporary |
| | Crime and Deviance | institutional racism, | Skills focus on individual | issues and debates which underpin the |
| | | relative deprivation, sex | assessment objectives | CJS today. This requires learners to make |
| | • The social distribution of | role theory, pink collar | in lesson | connections to previously taught |
| | crime and deviance by | ghetto, liberation thesis, | | concepts such as globalisation, |
| | ethnicity, gender and | gender deals, McMafia, | 4, 6, 2x10, 20 & 30 mark | capitalism and postmodernism. |
| | social class, including | disciplinary power, | exam style questions | |
| | recent patterns and trends | transcarceration, | used for | Transformation – The contemporary |
| | in crime | techniques of | individual/group | nature of both topics enables learners to |
| | Crime and the media | neutralisation, | planning and | see the relevance of sociological |
| | Globalisation and crime in | anthropocentric | assessment in timed | knowledge in relation to the world in |
| | contemporary society | | conditions | which they inhabit. It empowers them to |
| | green crime; human rights | Numeracy: Analysis of | | be active and informed citizens. |
| | and state crimes | historical documents, | College wide mock | |
| | Crime control, | Census and crime | exams (Feb) | Enriched curriculum – Learners will look |
| | surveillance, prevention | statistics. Comparison of | | beyond the UK and study how religion is |
| | and punishment, victims, | | | related to economic development in |

| and the role of the criminal justice system and other agencies. | local and nation data sets | India, Latin America and East Asia. Research of religious fundamentalist groups will enable learners to make a connection between the state and politics. Leaners will access case studies and up-to-date academic research on environmental harms. |
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| | | Ambition – Learners are encouraged to problem solve and consider a range of possible responses to contemporary social issues. They will draw upon knowledge from other areas of the curriculum to help inform the decision- making process e.g. by considering how we address crime in our local area (causes, preventative strategies, punishment etc) |
| | | Personal Development – Learners will make numerous connections to PD curriculum including discussions around threats to British Values. The effects of institutional racism are explored, particularly in relation to policing, education, surveillance and Terrorism enabling leaners to understand how discrimination manifests. The delivery of environmental/green issues encourages learners to focus on the challenges of defining and legislating in the future. |

| Summer | Theory & Methods | Key Term Glossaries | Getting you thinking | The synoptic and abstract nature of this |
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| Term | meory & Memous | Rey Territ Glossdiles | tasks – based on | topic means that it is important to |
| IGIIII | Sociology as a science | Word Maps | interleaving and | regularly revisit the content so that |
| | e, | word maps | U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U | o , |
| | Objectivity and value | | retrieval of theory & | students can gradually build their |
| | freedom | Academic texts and | methods, plus spring | schemata and understand the core |
| | • The relationship between | journals | term topics | sociological themes of 'socialisation, |
| | Sociology and social | | | culture and identity' and 'social |
| | policy | Theory & Methods: value | Spaced repetition | differentiation, power and stratification'. |
| | | laden, value free, | testing with a focus on | The challenging nature of this topic is |
| | | positivist, interpretivist, | new terminology | rationale for teaching last as learners |
| | | reliability, validity, PET | | have a greater appreciation for the |
| | | | Practice using | 'bigger picture' |
| | | Numeracy: Learners to | technical language | |
| | | consider the | independently in essay | Social policy encourages pupils to |
| | | advantages and | writing | discuss the impact that social policies |
| | | limitations of | | have on society, and the importance of |
| | | quantitative data | | democracy in the UK. We analyse |
| | | | 4, 6, 2x10, 20 & 30 mark | various social policies from different |
| | | | exam style questions | political parties and assess their impact, |
| | | | used for | and gain an understanding of the |
| | | | individual/group | priorities of political parties. This |
| | | | planning and | encourages students to be active |
| | | | assessment in timed | citizens and to take their democratic |
| | | | conditions | right to vote. |
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| | | | Public examinations | Transformation – Learners appreciate |
| | | | | the bigger picture and complexity of |
| | | | | social structures, organisations and |
| | | | | processes. |
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| | | | | Enriched curriculum – Learners build on |
| | | | | previous understanding by extended |
| | | | | research on political ideology |
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| | | Ambition – learners are given access to abstract, undergraduate level knowledge on the nature of scientific thought. Challenging them to extend their thinking more deeply. |
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| | | Personal Development – British values of democracy, rules of law run through the social policy theme |