Sociology Two Year Plan

Our uniting sentence is: "*The Sociology department guided students to discover sociological theories and research on topics of academic interest regarding the purpose, function, and inequalities of society to themselves become sociologists seeking to better understand and improve the society we live in*."

The Sociology department achieves this by:

- Teaching students the major theoretical perspectives in sociology and the major methods of research
- Exposing students to various sociologists and their research to uncover how sociology reveals meaning about society and serves to offer practical change to those in positions of power in society.
- Closely defining key knowledge and skill mastery, all of which is interleaved in the curriculum for it to be regularly revisited and reinforced over time.

Year 10			
	Cycle 1	**Cycle 2**	**Cycle 3**
Content	***i. Sociological Approaches*** ***ii. Research Methods***	***Families and Households***	***Education***
Progression	Students begin their study of GCSE Sociology by looking at the main approaches and the core research methods adopted by sociologists.	Students study sociological theories and research on issues concerning families and households, applying their prior learning from cycle 1.	Students study sociological theories and research on issues concerning education, applying their prior learning from cycle 1 and knowledge and understanding from cycle 2 to establish links to family.
Skills	• Extended writing discussions • Literacy and Numeracy • Oracy • Critical thinking and analysis		
Link to A-Level	Links directly to A-Level Sociology and more indirectly to Law, RS, English Literature, Philosophy, Psychology, Politics, and History.		

Year 11			
	Cycle 1	**Cycle 2**	**Cycle 3**
Content	***Crime and Deviance / Social Stratification***	***Revision and Exam skills***	***Revision and Exam skills***
Progression	Students study sociological theories and research on issues concerning crime and deviance, applying their prior learning from Year 10 to establish links between crime / deviance and family / education. Social stratification concludes the course, tying all the units studied so far together.	Students have completed their study of GCSE Sociology content and focus entirely on mastering the skills that they have been coached on throughout the course.	
Skills	• Extended writing discussions • Literacy and Numeracy • Oracy • Critical thinking and analysis		
Link to A-Level	Links directly to A-Level Sociology and more indirectly to Law, RS, English Literature, Philosophy, Psychology, Politics, and History.		