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Social Sciences
Curriculum Booklet
2020-2021

Our Vision and Approach in Social Sciences

The vision of the Social Science department is to provide students with a varied and exciting curriculum that is relevant to the world we live in. Social Science aims to investigate the key issues in our society, from the Government down to the individual person, demonstrating how each group interacts.

Psychology specifically focusses on human behaviour, ranging from how we are influenced by those around us to abnormal behaviour in psychopathology and Schizophrenia modules. We cover a range of option modules in year 13 to enable to students to experience a broad spectrum of what future study and careers in Psychology can offer. These include a module on relationships and forensic psychology, investigating why people commit crime and how we can use predictable human behaviour to help catch criminals.

Health and Social Care continues this study of the person, investigating the developments that humans make, how life events change this and how our lives are different because of our experiences. Further into the course, we study the values and skills that are essential for working within the health and social care sector, giving students an insight into the range of careers available and the huge impact that this sector has on the community. Finally, the students are able to demonstrate their knowledge in practice, with practical coursework tasks and a controlled assessment that pulls together all areas of study.

Sociology takes a wider perspective studying society as a whole rather than the individuals that make it up. Students have the opportunity to not only study the key theorists that have shaped sociology as a discipline, but also the change in families and education, how society has affected these and how sometimes this can lead to criminal activity. Students can analyse the impact that national and international events have on the change in attitudes over time and predict changes that are yet to come. The core aim of studying Sociology is to approach the world with a critical mind and to think like a Sociologist in any further study or future career.

Our specifications for Key Stage 4 and 5 are:

Year 10:

Sociology – AQA GCSE Sociology: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/gcse/sociology-8192/introduction>

Sociology is assessed in two exams, each lasting 1 hour and 45 minutes. Both papers will be worth 50% of the final GCSE grade and will expect students to draw on knowledge and understanding of the whole course and show deeper understanding of each topic.

The topics covered in Paper 1 are:

- The Sociology of Families
- The Sociology of Education
- Relevant areas of social theory and methodology

The topics covered in Paper 2 are:

- The Sociology of Crime and Deviance
- The Sociology of Social Stratification
- Relevant areas of social theory and methodology

Health and Social Care – Pearson BTEC Tech Award in Health and Social Care

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-tech-awards/health-and-social-care.html>

Three components are studied across two years in Health and Social Care. The first two components are internally assessed through coursework tasks. These tasks will take on a written and a practical element. The third component will be assessed through a 2 hour controlled assessment and will cover relevant areas of the first two components in addition to component three.

- Component 1: Human Lifespan Development
- Component 2: Health and Social Care Values and Services
- Component 3: Health and Wellbeing

Year 13

Psychology - AQA A Level Psychology: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology/as-and-a-level/psychology-7181-7182>

Psychology is assessed through three 2 hour written exams after two years of study. The exams are equally weighted, each worth 33.3% of the final qualification grade.

The topics covered in Paper 1: Introductory Topics in Psychology

- Social Influence
- Memory
- Attachment
- Psychopathology

The topics covered in Paper 2: Psychology in Context

- Approaches
- Biopsychology
- Research Methods (double weighted section)

The topics covered in Paper 3: Issues and Options

- Issues and Debates
- Schizophrenia
- Relationships
- Forensic Psychology

Each curriculum is sequenced to build on prior learning and cover a range of topics in preparation for the examinations and assessed tasks in Summer 2021/2022.

Sociology - Year 10

Half Term	Module and Subject Content	Extra Information
1	What is Sociology? A subject overview to ignite passion in the subject.	
2	Crime and Deviance	Key Sociological theories and methods embedded in the C&D module
3	Crime and Deviance	
4	Family and Households	Some overlap with Crime & Deviance module to be expected in the first few weeks of this half term.
5	Family and Households	
6	Research Methods	Will build on the methods and knowledge developed in half terms 2&3.

Health and Social Care - Year 10

Half Term	Component and Subject Content	Extra Information & Assessment
1	What is Health and Social Care: An introduction to the sector Component 1: Human Lifespan Development	Learning Aim A: Understand human growth and development across life stages and the factors that affect it.
2	Component 1: Human Lifespan Development	Assessing Coursework Task 1 [P1 P2 M1 D1]
3	Component 1: Human Lifespan Development	Assessing Coursework Task 1 [P1 P2 M1 D1]
4	Component 1: Human Lifespan Development	Learning Aim B: Investigate how individuals deal with life events

5	Component 1: Human Lifespan Development	Assessing Coursework Task 2 [P3 P4 M2 D2]
6	Component 2: Health and Social Care Services and Values	Learning Aim B: Demonstrate care values and review own practice Assessing Coursework Task 2 [P3 P4 M2 D2]

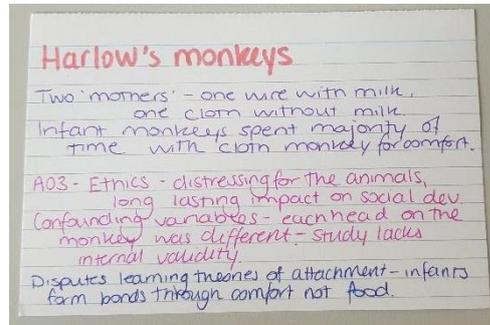
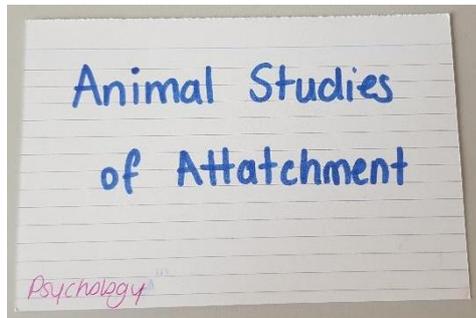
Psychology - Year 13

Half Term	Module	Extra Information
1	Schizophrenia	Issues and Debates module to be embedded in option modules.
2	Schizophrenia Relationships	One lesson a week to be dedicated to Research Methods throughout the year until the RM module is complete.
3	Relationships Forensic Psychology	
4	Forensic Psychology Issues and Debates recap	
5	Research methods Recap & Revision	
6	Revision Provisional exam dates: Paper 1 - Tues 25th May 2021 Paper 2 - Fri 28th May 2021 Paper 3 - Thurs 17th June 2021	

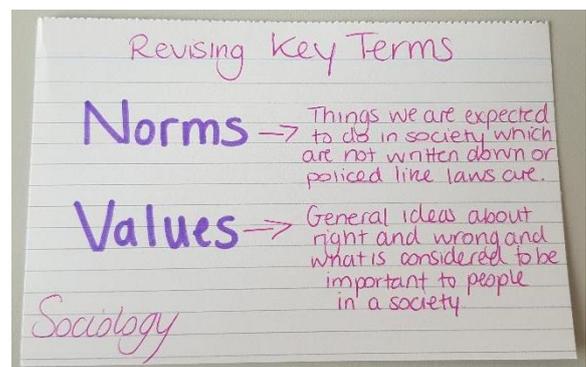
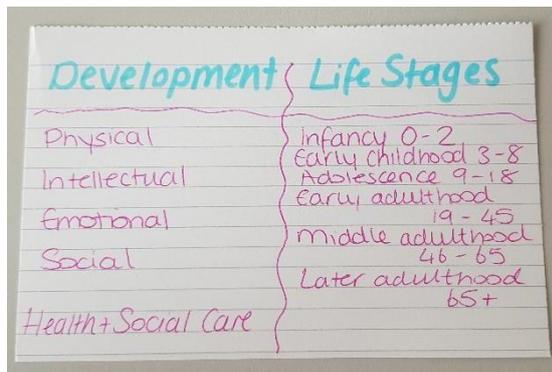
How you can support your child's learning in Social Science:

All students are encouraged to form revision notes from the start of the course. Keeping on top of creating and organising these revision notes is vital. Examples of different ways to use revision cards are displayed below. Each technique is not specific to the subject labelled. It is more beneficial for the students' learning and revision to hand write their revision cards than to produce them on a computer.

Double Sided Technique – useful for self or peer testing.



Single Sided Technique – useful for revising key terms.



Students in Psychology may benefit especially from flash/index cards detailing key theories, approaches and evaluation points. Students have access to a shared OneDrive folder online, where all lessons and resources from past classes can be found. In the event of school closure, additional exam question practice will also be found here.

Students in Sociology may benefit from revision notes based around their key theorists (referred to as 'blue people') and how their work has contributed to research and theory developments. Keeping a glossary of key terms and evaluation points is important, so students are able to review these as they work to ensure they are using the terms and evaluation correctly.

Students in Health & Social Care must keep up to date with their coursework tasks. Coursework can primarily be accessed through One Drive where additional support material, assignment briefs, templates and examples can be found. There will also be extra lesson material and resources in this folder.

All online material can be printed and posted home if required.

Websites you can visit:

The specifications that cover what your child is learning in detail can be found here:

Psychology: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology/as-and-a-level/psychology-7181-7182>

Sociology: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/gcse/sociology-8192>

Health & Social Care: <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-tech-awards/health-and-social-care.coursematerials.html#%2FfilterQuery=category:Pearson-UK:Category%2FSpecification-and-sample-assessments>

The following websites are also useful for supporting your understanding and for your child's learning:

Psychology:

<https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/db5cd155-3f4b-40cb-a9f9-8c314f118345/section/6c30e3fc-b867-4cb3-bbb1-86b1f9fe8693/session>

<https://www.simplypsychology.org/>

<https://www.tutor2u.net/psychology>

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=crash+course+psychology

Sociology:

<https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/31b5a110-bffe-4156-a620-495a430ceed1/section/808116a1-68a2-4e0a-a534-7f1f858b5255/session>

<https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zbbw2hv>

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=crash+course+sociology

Health and Social Care

www.tutor2u.net/hsc

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=crash+course+health+and+social+care

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-tech-awards/health-and-social-care.html>

Books that you may wish to purchase:

Psychology:

The Complete Companions Student Book – Psychology A level Year 1 and AS (Cara Flanagan & Mike Cardwell)

The Complete Companions Student Book – Psychology A level Year 2 (Cara Flanagan & Mike Cardwell)

AQA Psychology for A Level Book 1 (Jean-Marc Lawton)

AQA Psychology for A Level Book 2 (Jean-Marc Lawton)

Sociology:

AQA GCSE (9-1) Sociology, Updated Edition (David Brown)

AQA GCSE 9-1 Sociology Student Book (Pauline Wilson, Simon Addison & Allan Kidd)

AQA GCSE 9-1 Sociology All-in-One Complete Revision and Practice (Collins GCSE)

Health and Social Care:

BTEC Tech Award Health and Social Care Student Book (Brenda Baker)

Revise BTEC Tech Award Health and Social Care Revision Guide (Brenda Baker)

Revise BTEC Tech Award Health and Social Care Practice Assessments Plus (Brenda Baker)