

Family and Social Studies

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Course Content: Year by Year

Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Key concepts and theories	Education	Inequality
Research methods	Crime and deviance	Revision
The Family		

Research methods and theories will be revisited weekly in all three years

Topic Descriptions

- **Key concepts and theories:** what are norms, values, culture and society? What do functionalists, Marxists and feminists believe about society?
- **Research methods:** we look at the processes people use to research society and evaluate their methods.
- **Family:** We consider how our families shape who we are and what we believe. We look at the changing trends in families and how relationships have changed between parents and children.
- **Education:** we look at why we have an education system and the processes schools use in helping different students.
- **Crime:** we look at why people commit crimes and how the criminal justice system tries to tackle this.
- **Inequality:** We look at how vulnerable groups experience discrimination in life.

Learning Activities

- Projects
- Research tasks
- Quizzes
- Debates
- Textual analysis
- Presentations
- Exam questions

Assessment

2 x 1 hour 45 minutes exams at the end of year 11

These include a mixture of multiple-choice questions, short answer questions and 12 mark essays

Assessed in paper 1	Assessed in paper 2
Research methods	Research methods
Family	Crime and deviance
Education	Inequality

Future Educational opportunities

The course will be a good stepping stone for studying social sciences at a-level, particularly sociology, law or psychology.

Some students may wish to go on to study on courses related to health and social care, child-care or uniformed public services.

Careers

The course will allow you to gain a greater understanding of society so this will be helpful in any careers that involve working with the public.

The following career routes tend to be popular with students:

- Social care
- Childcare or education
- Policing
- Local government
- Research based careers