

Sociology GCSE - AQA - [Specification](#)

Timing	Unit Title	Key Question	Knowledge	Assessing understanding
Autumn	Paper 2: Crime and Deviance	An Introduction to Sociology	• Introduction to Crime and Deviance: what are they and are they social constructs? • Data on crime: assessing the reliability of official crime statistics, victim survey, self-report studies, the dark figure of crime • Sociological theories explaining why crime and deviance occurs: Functionalist, Marxist and Interactionist perspectives, including how social class and ethnicity relate to this (Key Studies: Merton, Cohen, Becker, Carlen) • Feminist views on why women commit less crime and why women are treated differently by the criminal justice system (Key Study: Heidensohn) • Formal and informal social control (Key Study: Heidensohn) • Key debates in crime and deviance, e.g. the role of the media in creating and amplifying crime and the use of prisons and role of rehabilitation • Review of the Research Methods content and exam questions as applied to Crime and Deviance	• Regular knowledge quizzes • Regular checks for understanding in the classroom • Regular writing tasks • Exam answers planning • Unseen timed exam practice and unseen end of topic questions • Year 11 Mock Exam (December)
Spring	Paper 2: Social Stratification	Paper 2: Social Stratification	• Different types of social stratification • Functionalist and Marxist perspectives on why inequality exists (Key Studies: Davis and Moore, Marx, Weber) • What social class is and whether it has changed over time (Key Study: Devine) • Factors that affect a person's life chances, including social class, gender and ethnicity • Poverty: how it is distributed around the UK, how it is measured, the welfare state and how do sociologists explain poverty (Key Studies: Townsend, Murray) • Different types of power (Key Studies: Weber, Walby) • Review of the Research Methods content and exam questions as applied to Social Stratification	• Regular knowledge quizzes • Regular checks for understanding in the classroom • Regular writing tasks • Exam answers planning • Unseen timed exam practice
Summer	Revision	Revision	• Revision of all papers and exam technique	