

HALF TERM 5 CURRICULUM CONTENT – Key Stage 5

Intent statement:

A-Level Sociology at Westfield Academy is ambitious, challenging and contemporary. The intention behind this is to raise expectations from Key Stage 4 and prepare the students for life beyond Westfield Academy. Students will become independent learners, who will be able to think critically and apply their knowledge to situations beyond the curriculum.

Year 12

Topics	Families & households
Prior knowledge / skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theories and perspectives & sociologists • Evaluative skills – analysis and evaluation
Key concepts / knowledge / skills covered this half term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childbearing • Lone parenthood • Lifecourse and postmodernism • Domestic division of labour • Are couples becoming more equal? • Decision making • The dark side of the family • Birth and family size • Death and life expectancy • Ageing population • Migration • Childhood – social construction, the future and the position of childhood.
Assessment	The assessment will take place on week 5 of the half term & students need to revise in preparation for this. The following topics will be covered – education and families & households.
Personal Development opportunities	Insight into different ways of seeing one phenomenon; understanding what an equal relationship should look like
Homework requirements	Homework will be set on Google Classroom every lesson and will take an hour to complete. This will vary between pre-reading in preparation for lessons, research tasks, application tasks, consolidation of learning and revision.

Year 13

Topics	Beliefs in society, theory & methods and revision for summer examinations
Prior knowledge / skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Theories and perspectives & sociologists• Making synoptic links between different areas of the specification• Evaluative skills – analysis and evaluation
Key concepts / knowledge / skills covered this half term	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Beliefs in society – religion & development• Theory & methods – functionalism, marxism, feminism, social action, modernity vs postmodernity, is sociology a science, value-free vs value-laden, sociology & social policy, positivism vs interpretivism• Revision of selected crime & deviance topics
Assessment	Summer examinations will take place on the following days: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paper 1: Monday, 20th May (AM) – Education and methods in context• Paper 2: Thursday, 4th June (AM) – Families & households and beliefs in society• Paper 3: Tuesday, 11th June (PM) – Crime & deviance and theory & methods
Personal Development opportunities	Synoptic links & reasoning; critical analysis & evaluation of key research ideas & theories; links to real life scenarios & situations
Homework requirements	Homework will be set on Google Classroom every lesson and will take an hour to complete. This will vary between pre-reading in preparation for lessons, research tasks, application tasks, consolidation of learning and revision.