

Topic Sequencing and Rationale

Key Stage 5 A Level Sociology

	Year	What is taught? Overview of Topics	Why this? Why then?
KS5	12	Education Studies with Methods and Context Work, Poverty and Welfare	Education Studies with methods and context is a compulsory topic. Students are expected to be familiar with the fundamentals of the education system, relationships and processes within schools and the significance of educational policies. As students have an experience of schooling themselves, this is a logical starting point for their investigations into sociological research and theory. Work, Poverty and Welfare is an optional topic as is delivered following the work done on Education Studies. This naturally follows on from learning about education as there is a focus on work and employment.
	13	Crime and Deviance with Methods and Context Global Development	Crime and Deviance with methods and context is the second of the compulsory topics and is delivered at the beginning of Year 13. Students now have experience of debate and analysing a range of viewpoints and can take this understanding further to foster a critical awareness of contemporary social processes in terms of Crime and Deviance. Global Development is the second of two optional units and is delivered at the end of the course as it offers students the opportunity to look to global issues, including: global inequality, transnational corporations, development of aid and trade and interleaving back to the education topic from Year 12 in looking at global education issues.