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Year 13	Revision of research methods Methods in Context Review of summer work	**Crime and Deviance Theories**. **Functionalist** Theories- • Durkheim, boundary maintenance and adaptation • Merton's Strain Theory- social structure and anomie. • Subcultural Strain theory, Cohen and underclass MIC Revision			**Marxist theory-** Criminogenic capitalism, ideological functions, Neo-Marxist theories • New criminology and Moral panic • Interactionist Approach- Labelling theory, Folk devil Left Realist theories Right Realist theories				Late and post modernity and social harm Impact of **demographic characteristics** on crime; ● Social Class				Impact of **demographic characteristics** on crime; • Ethnicity • Gender			**Internal Exam** Revision Crime and Deviance Paper 3		**Globalisation and Crime** Influence of the **media on crime.** **Green and State crime-** Human rights				**Crime prevention**- Left and Right Realists Situational and environmental crime **Criminal Justice system-** role of agencies Racism and dominant ideology Women in CJS- Chivalry thesis				Exam	**Measuring crime :** Crime Statistics Victim survey and self- report Victims of crime- positivist and critical victimology	**Revision of Paper 1** Education						A Level exams							
MTH		**Revisit from Year 12** **Sociological Perspectives**- Structural (macro) versus Social Action (micro). Functionalism, Marxism, Feminism, New Right, Interactionism, Social action theory, symbolic interactionism, phenomenology, Modernity and Post- modernity, ethnomethodology. Relationship between theory and methods (positivism, interpretivism and Realism)														Revisit **Paper 1,** weekly Knowledge checks; Education						Revisit **Paper 1 and 3,** weekly Knowledge checks; Theory and Methods				Revisit Crime and deviance, weekly knowledge checks													
Year 13	Key concepts- **new media** and traditional media Impact and role of new media **Ownership and control of the media** 10- mark essay Milestone Assessment week 4				**Ownership and control of the media** **Globalisation and the media**				**The news**							Internal exam- The Media Paper 2		**Media and representations** • Gender • Sexuality • disability **Audience theories**				Sociology as a science Values and objectivity Social policy and sociology Exam- Families and Households- week 26					Revision of Families and Households and media **Paper 2**													
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SFI		**Revisit from Year 12** **Sociological Perspectives**- Marxism, Feminism, Symbolic Interactionists, New Right, Late Modernity and Post- modernity, Sociological concepts- socialisation, social control, globalisation, identity, social class, ethnicity, gender, capitalism, ideology, labelling,														Families and Households knowledge checks for **Paper 2**						The Media knowledge checks for **Paper 2,** revisiting all theories for **Paper 1, 2 and 3**					Theory knowledge checks for **Paper 1**													

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Year 12 SDS	Introduction to sociological theory **Paper 2: Families and Households** **Sociological theories** • Functionalism				• Marxism • Feminism				Milestone Assessment week 9 • Contemporary theories			Changing family patterns • Relationships				Changing family patterns: • Family structures			Social policy childhood			Demographic trends and globalisation				Gender roles and relationships			**Research methods- paper 1** **Theories and methods** **Social surveys** • Interviews • Case studies • Observation • Experiment				Revision Families and Households for **Paper 2** section A		Internal exam- **Paper 2** section A		Feedback on **Paper 2** Set summer revision **Paper 1 m**ethods		Work experience
Year 12 SFI	Introduction to sociological concepts **Paper 1: Education** The role of education: • Functionalist theory				The role of education- • Marxism/ Neo Marxism • New Right • Feminism				Milestone Assessment week 8 • Symbolic interactionism and processes within school			Education policies				Impact of globalisation and Education policies			Differential educational achievement • Social class			Differential educational achievement • Ethnicity • Gender				**Paper 1: Theories and Methods** • Methodology • Key concepts • Secondary data- official statistics and documents Methods in contextual skills				**Paper 1** revision: • Education • research methods • methods in context				Internal exams- **Paper 1**		Feedback on **Paper 1** Set summer revision **Paper 1** methods in context		Work experience

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