

CURRICULUM ROADMAP - Year 10 to Year 13

Social Sciences:

Criminology - Psychology - Sociology



BIRKENHEAD
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Unit 4:
Law making, the criminal justice system, punishment and social control

Paper 3: Aggression inc. ethological, evolutionary, social & psychological explanations for aggression as well as the examination of aggression in prison & the influence of the media on aggression.

Paper 3: Schizophrenia inc. symptoms, psychological explanations & treatments, biological explanations & treatments and an interactionist approach to explanations and treatment

Unit 2:
The affect of criminological theory, social change and campaigns on policy development, exam technique and revision

Paper 1: Clinical Psychology and Mental Health inc. Definitions in the field of mental health & explanations and treatments for psychological disorders such as phobias, OCD and depression

Paper 2: Approaches to studying & explaining behaviour inc. the following perspectives: learning, cognitive, biological, psychodynamic & humanistic

Unit 1:
Types of crime; reasons for crimes not reported; consequences of this; media representation of crime; impact of this; methods of collecting crime statistics; campaigns for change

Paper 1: Social influence inc. conformity, obedience & resisting social influence

Paper 2: Research methods inc variables, experiments, observations, questionnaires, interviews & correlations, sampling, experimental design, variables, ethics, data presentation, descriptive statistics & an introduction to inferential statistical tests

Year 13 (SPR)
Paper 2: Understanding Social Inequalities
inc. patterns & trends in ethnic inequality and theoretical explanations of ethnic inequality
Paper 3: Globalisation & the Digital Social World
inc. the impact of digital communication on identity formation, social relationships, global inequalities, cultural homogenisation, cultural defence, and 'globalisation'.
Paper 3: Crime and Deviance
inc. The relativity of crime and deviance; strengths and limitations of official statistics, victim surveys, and self-report studies. Analysis of offending and victimisation trends across class, gender, age, and ethnicity. Theoretical Explanations of crime and deviance

Year 12 (SUM)
Paper 2: Understanding Social Inequalities
inc. patterns & trends in social class inequality and theoretical explanations of social class inequality
Paper 2: Research Methods & Researching Social Inequalities
inc. theoretical approaches to research, the research process and methods of investigation

Year 12 (AUT)
Paper 1: Socialisation, Culture & Identity Culture
inc. norms and values, types of culture, socialisation, social control and the nature-nurture debate.

Paper 1: Families & Relationships
inc. sociological perspectives on the nuclear family; how diverse are modern families; debates on diversity; reasons for diversity.

Year 13 (SUM)

Paper 3: Crime and Deviance
inc. crime prevention & control and global forms of crime (e.g., global organised crime and green crime).

Revision and exam technique

Unit 4:
Revision & exam technique

Year 13 (AUT)

Paper 2: Understanding Social Inequalities
inc. patterns & trends in age and gender inequality and theoretical explanations of age and gender inequality

Paper 2: Research Methods & Researching Social Inequalities
inc. theoretical approaches to research, the research process and methods of investigation

Paper 3: Globalisation & the Digital Social World
inc. definitions of globalisation, exploring the digital revolution, global village, virtual communities, media convergence, and networked global society through Marxist, Feminist, and Postmodernist theories.

Paper 2: Biopsychology inc. the nervous and endocrine systems, neurons and synaptic transmission, neurotransmitters, the fight-or-flight response, brain-scanning techniques, localisation of brain function, hemispheric lateralisation, split-brain research, brain plasticity and recovery after trauma.

Paper 3: Relationships inc. factors affecting attraction, economic theories of relationships, relationship breakdown, virtual & parasocial relationships.

Paper 2: Research Methods inc. case studies, content analysis, reliability, validity, features of science, the psychological report and inferential statistical tests.

Unit 3: Personnel involved in criminal investigations & techniques used, types of evidence & how it's processed. The CPS, the trial process, influences affecting the outcome of criminal trials, examining the validity of info used in trials & drawing conclusions in criminal trials.

Year 12 (SPR)

Paper 1: Socialisation, Culture & Identity
inc. how individual and group identities are constructed through factors such as ethnicity, nationality, gender, social class, sexuality, age, and disability, as well as the rise of hybrid identities.

Paper 1: Families & Relationships
inc. demographic changes, family diversity, social class, ethnicity, sexuality, roles & relationships within the family, childhood

Paper 1: Attachment inc. animal studies, explanations of attachment, maternal deprivation, the effects of institutionalisation & the impact of attachment on later relationships

Paper 1: Memory inc. the multi-store model, working memory model, explanations of forgetting, interference, retrieval failure, eyewitness testimony, leading questions, post-event discussion, anxiety & the cognitive interview

Unit 2:
What is crime & deviance; the social construction of crime & deviance; theories of criminality inc. biological, individualistic & sociological theories

KEY and curriculum links:

Sociology
(RE, Business, Politics, PSHE, History, Geography, Psychology)

Psychology
(Biology, PE, Geography, RE, PSHE, History, Maths)

Criminology
(Sociology, Psychology, Biology, History, English, RE)

In all subjects, students study research methods and statistics.