

# The Knatchbull Baccalaureate – Academic

**Curriculum Vision** | The intent of Sociology is to enable students to gain an interest and a better understanding of the social forces that shape their own lives, so that they will be better equipped to deal with them.

Sociology provides evidence, based on systematic research, to explain how social forces operate, and the ways they may create personal fortune or misfortune. Sociology can provide foundation knowledge about social interactions, organizations and society helpful in the pursuit of careers and a good life for themselves and their families. Sociology at The Norton Knatchbull School can also help young people prepare for specific careers, by studying particular sectors of society and by sharpening the skills needed to be effective in business and public life, such as analytic thinking and problem solving, information gathering and interpretation, and report writing. The intent of Sociology is also to enhance a student's ability to be an active and informed citizen, able to influence societal choices and policies. Sociology is unique in its recognition not only that societies shape us, but also that we shape our societies. This latter process is present in all societies and all human groups, but is especially central to democracy in which citizens are explicitly expected to participate in shaping their society. The study of Sociology must focus on contemporary society and foster the development of critical and reflective thinking with a respect for social diversity. It must provide an awareness of the importance of social structure and social action in explaining social issues. NKS students must be encouraged to develop their own sociological awareness through active engagement with the contemporary social world.

## **All students**

- We are ambitious for and have high expectations of all our pupils and know that every student can experience success through the completion of an A Level in Sociology in part because Sociology is the study of the society in which we exist.
- Sociology advocates that every student regardless of any stratifying feature is entitled to achieve and succeed through a rigorous and varied curriculum that supported student's individual efforts and engagement beyond the taught curriculum.
- Our consistent use of student produced summary sheets following each topic ensures all students make progress in sociology, including those with SEND.
- We have a fundamental belief that all children are entitled to experience the richness and challenge of authentic material through delivery of a challenging curriculum underpinned by independent reading, research and personal opinion supported by sociological theory.

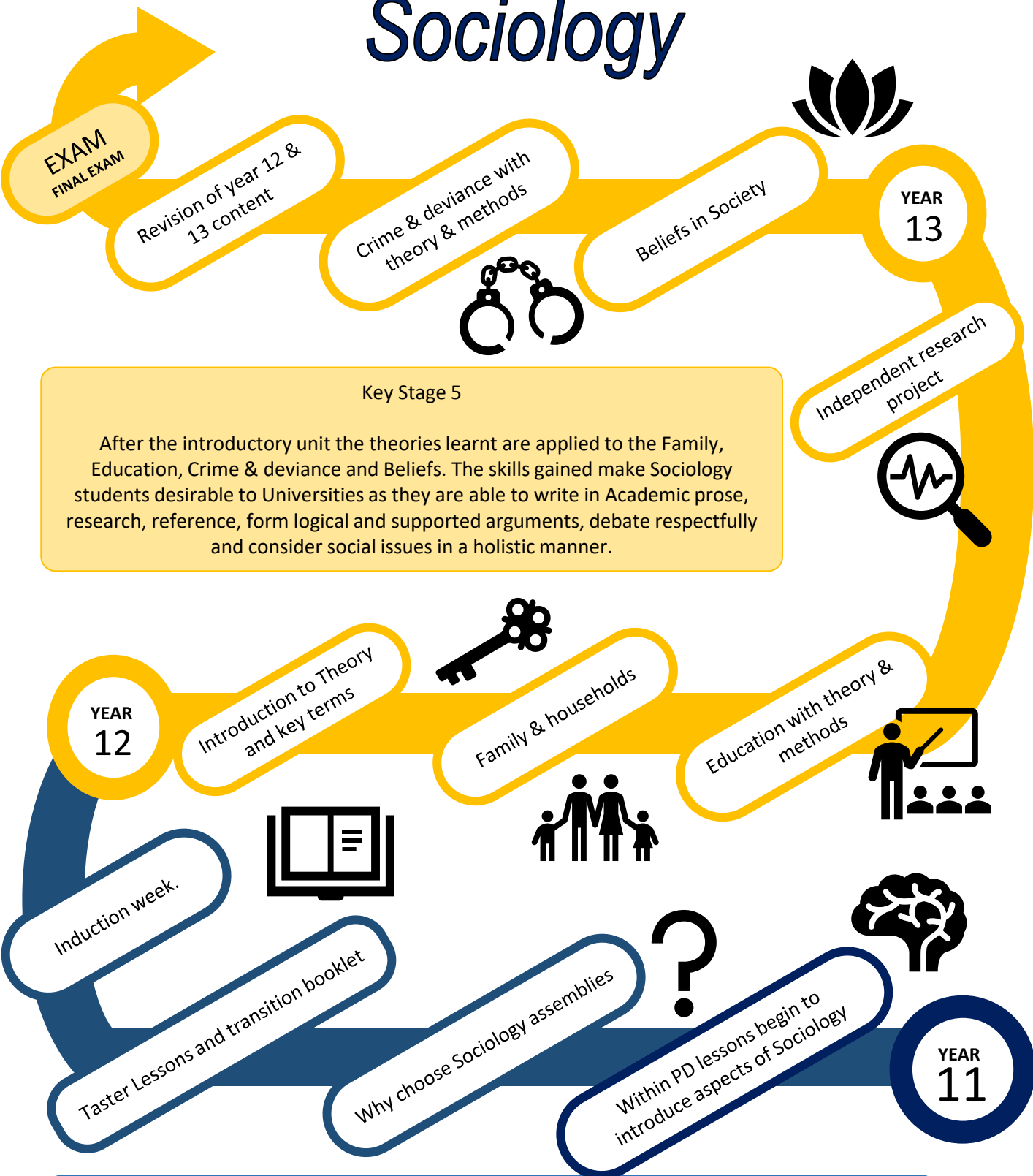
## **Sociology will encourage students to:**

- acquire knowledge and a critical understanding of contemporary social processes and social changes
- appreciate the significance of theoretical and conceptual issues in sociological debate
- understand and evaluate sociological methodology and a range of research methods through active involvement in the research process
- develop skills that enable individuals to focus on their personal identity, roles and responsibilities within society
- develop a lifelong interest in social issues.

## **Successful navigation of the subject within the world**

- Our sociology curriculum aims to equip our students with the skills necessary to be a holistic thinker, a confident researcher and an able challenger of injustice
- Sociology also empowers our students to work in future fields as diverse as law, politics, advertising, publishing, local government

# Sociology



## Key Stage 5

After the introductory unit the theories learnt are applied to the Family, Education, Crime & deviance and Beliefs. The skills gained make Sociology students desirable to Universities as they are able to write in Academic prose, research, reference, form logical and supported arguments, debate respectfully and consider social issues in a holistic manner.

