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Year Group	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Unit 5	Unit 6
Year 12 (Staff 1)	**Families & Households** Theories of the Family Functionalism Marxism Feminism Personal life	**Families & Households** Couples Conjugal roles Resources & decision-making Domestic violence	**Families & Households** Childhood Social construct Position improved Future of childhood	**Families & Households** Demography Births & deaths Ageing population Migration Changing family patterns Marriage & Divorce Partnerships Other types	**Families & Households** Family Diversity Modernism Neo-conventional Postmodernism Social policy Comparative study Theories Family Policy in the UK	**Beliefs in Society** Theories of Religion Conservative force Force for social change Secularisation Secularisation thesis Church attendance Believing without belonging
Year 12 (Staff 2)	**Education** ▪ Role and function ▪ Conflict Theory ▪ Consensus theory	**Education** Differential Educational Achievement ▪ Ethnicity ▪ Gender ▪ Social Class	**Education** Educational Policy ▪ Timeline of key changes ▪ Impact of policy since 1979 ▪ Effect of policy changes in modern context	**Research Methods** ▪ Choices of method ▪ Positivism & Interpretivism ▪ Primary data sources ▪ Secondary data sources	**Research Methods** ▪ Conduct of Research ▪ Theoretical Issues ▪ Practical Issues ▪ Ethical Issues	**Education in Context** ▪ Factors affecting methodology ▪ Investigating Issues ▪ Strengths and Limitations ▪ Research in Focus: Case studies
Skill(s)	Written communication; PEEL structure for focus. Reading for meaning	Juxtaposing arguments Evaluating theories				Problem solving

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PD/T&E			Growing up positively	Respect, equality and acceptance		Dangers of conspiracy theories
Futures	Social worker Family support worker	Policy officer	Development worker	Business ethnographer		
Year 13 (Staff 1)	**Beliefs in Society** Religious Organisations ▪ Types of organisations ▪ New religious movements ▪ New Age Relationship with different social groups ▪ Age ▪ Gender ▪ Ethnicity ▪ Class	**Beliefs in Society** Religion in the modern world ▪ Postmodernism ▪ Globalisation Ideology, Science & Religion ▪ Belief systems ▪ Role and function	**Theories of Sociology** ▪ Consensus & conflict theories ▪ Social action theories ▪ Modernity ▪ Postmodernity ▪ Sociology as a science ▪ Relationship between theory and methods ▪ Relationship with social policy	**Revision**	**Revision**	**Examinations**
Year 13 (Staff 2)	**Crime & Deviance** ▪ Definitions ▪ Main Perspectives ▪ Social Distribution ▪ Recent patterns: Ethnicity, Gender and Social Class	**Crime & Deviance** ▪ Globalisation and Crime ▪ Media and Crime ▪ Green Crime ▪ Human Rights ▪ State Crime	**Crime & Deviance** ▪ Crime Control ▪ Measuring Crime ▪ Victims of Crime ▪ The role of the criminal justice system	**Revision**	**Revision**	**Examinations**

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PD/T&E	Respect for others' opinions & beliefs in a multicultural society	Media - influence on choices and behaviours	Legal system and understanding			
Futures	Criminal justice system - police, law, judges, prison & probation service Social policy reform	Journalism Political career paths	Criminal Justice Service Legal work			