



A LEVEL SOCIOLOGY

We are asking all students to complete some Independent Preparatory Work over the summer, before they join Year 12 in September. You will need to bring this work to lessons as the content will be assessed through introductory assessments which will be completed within the few first weeks of the new term.

Tasks

- These tasks will be handed in at the start of Year 12 to Mr New (Head of Social Sciences) in the first lesson you have with him.
- You can either write your work up on A4 paper or type up in a word document.

Define the following sociological key terms and use an example to support your definition

1. Norms.
2. Values.
3. Socialisation.
4. Society.
5. Culture.
6. Identity.
7. Social differentiation.
8. Stratification.
9. Status.
10. Subculture.
11. Consensus.
12. Conflict.

Education

Research and explain how education in England and Wales has gone through changes which various governments have introduced since 1944.

You should find out how the different governments since 1944 have introduced new educational policies and explain how successful you think the new policies have been.

Once you have done this answer this question: What do you think is the purpose of the education system?

Families and Households

Carry out research to write 2-3 paragraphs to answer this question: Why do we have families and how have they changed since 1950?

Extra reading



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As a sociology student you will also be expected to keep up to date with the news and current events – research a social issue that interests you.

1. Explain what why that particular issue and what interests you about it?
2. Create a media collage of articles on your issue and annotate them
3. Apply what the theories might say about the issue!
4. Any research or policy laws which deals with your issue? Name and explain them!

Choose a book below to widen your Sociological imagination.

