



## **Sociology Induction work Summer Holidays 2017**

**In preparation for you're A Level studies try to read at least one quality broadsheet newspaper (The Times, Guardian or Independent are good) and watch a quality News discussion programme on Television (Channel 4 News at 7, News Night and Question Time are all useful). This will help you understand the context of the topics you will be studying. These websites will help**

[www.bbc.co.uk/news](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news),  
[www.guardian.co.uk](http://www.guardian.co.uk),  
[www.thetimes.co.uk](http://www.thetimes.co.uk)

### **Task 1**

Using examples, explain what is meant by the following terms use website [www.podology.org.uk](http://www.podology.org.uk) click sociology, videos, culture and identity, clip on 10 introductory terms):

Culture

Identity

Socialisation

Norms

Values

Roles

Status

## **Task 2**

Carry out a brief survey of 5 male and 5 female students. Ask them the following questions:

1. Who mostly read to you when you were a child?
2. How many books, other than schoolbooks have you read in the last three months?
3. List you top three leisure pursuits in order of time spent on them.

Bring your results to your first sociology lesson



## **Task 3**

Find out about two of these schools – for example, the cost of fees (and ‘extras’); how to gain admission; school facilities and sport, arts and expeditions available; the range of subjects and examination results.

Some sites have interesting virtual tours you can take

<http://www.etoncollege.com>

<http://www.harrowschool.org.uk>

<http://www.westminster.org.uk>

<http://www.roedean.co.uk>

<http://stonyhurst.ac.uk>

<http://charterhouse.org.uk>

Summarise your findings in a brief report which answers the following questions:

1. Why do students from these schools do so well in their GCSE and A level exams?
2. Why are parents willing to pay so much for their child's education?

#### **Task 4**

Collect newspaper reports about the 2017 GCSE and A level exam results and bring them to your first sociology lesson.

