**SUMMER TASKS – GCSE TO A LEVEL TRANSITION**

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| **Subject:** Sociology |
| **Title:** Introduction to Sociology |
| **Task(s):**  Dear Sociologists,  Welcome to sociology! Sociology is the study of society. Everyday things like the family, education and law and order, that you take for granted, you will now see in a totally different light. Sociology will change your life! During your studies you will be following the AQA A Level Sociology course. You will study six topic areas over the course of the two years, which are assessed by a series of external exams.  Over the months leading up to September you should begin preparing yourself for the course. To help you to do this you will need to complete the two activities below ready to hand in for your first lesson in September.  Additionally, we also suggest that you purchase the following items ready for your first lesson:   * A4 Level arch file * Set of file dividers * Pack of highlighters * Pens   Any questions, please get in touch. Have fun!  The Sociology Team  Task  Whilst some of you may have studied Sociology at GCSE level, for the vast majority of students it will be an entirely new subject. To help get an understanding of what Sociology is, please watch the videos below and make notes.  When you have watched all three videos, **write a paragraph summarising the main purpose of Sociology.**  Please bring this to your first lesson in September.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Link | Description | | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LK5J0-cM-HE> | A five-minute video made by a trainee teacher explaining what sociology is. | | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ZJlFxDavpc> | A five minute video from the London School of Economics explaining what sociology is from a university perspective. | | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gWD6g9CV_sc&t=387s> | A fourteen minute TED talk ‘ The Wisdom of Sociology’ by Sam Richards. How can an academic discipline like Sociology be life changing? This talk suggests one way by exploring how sociologists teach us to re-imagine our personal problems and ourselves. In the end, we learn that even in our most private and seemingly isolated moments, we may be more connected to others than we realize. | |
| **How long should I spend on this?** 1-2 hours |
| **How will I get feedback?** Feedback will be given when tasks are submitted at the beginning of term. |
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