

SOCIOLOGY - SUMMER BRIDGING 2026

Welcome to Sociology at King Edward VII. We look forward to teaching you on your Sociology journey and it will start with studying three major areas of society - *Culture and Identity, Education and Research Methods*. We hope you have a wonderful summer after all your hard work and arrive refreshed come September.

Thanks Mr Spears, Mrs Braisby.

Sociology is about the study of society and how as individuals we live our lives. We have seen so many changes over the past few years and our experiences are somewhat different from even a decade ago. We will reflect and hopefully bring to some conclusion where as a society we are heading.

<https://www.jrf.org.uk/uk-poverty-2025-the-essential-guide-to-understanding-poverty-in-the-uk>

Task 1

Start the report by defining the following concepts: These are important concepts to familiarise yourself with as a foundation to Sociology.

- Culture
- Material and cultural deprivation
- Cultural capital
- Social class
- Poverty
- Crime
- identity
- Use statistics on child poverty in the UK and suggest whether it is likely to increase or decrease if we maintain our present approach.
- What would you suggest as recommendation to eliminate child poverty?

Task 2 Sociologist Perspective

Select three from the list below and attempt to find some interesting pointers about their research and familiarise yourself with their work

Key Sociologists

Key findings

- Emile Durkheim Functionalism
- Talcott Parsons Functionalism
- Karl Marx Marxism
- Max Weber Weberianism
- Anne Oakley Feminism
- Becky Francis Feminism
- Tony Sewell n/a
- Paul Willis Neo-Marxism

The first area of study is Youth Sub-Culture. Can you name any of the groups.



How much influence does culture come from America?



Teenagers are very creative!



We will learn about the role of young people in society.