

SOCIOLOGY – SUMMER HOMEWORK 2023

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. Mr Badger and myself have many years of experience teaching Sociology. As a new subject to many of you, we will be there to support and enthuse you to question how individuals and social groups fit into an evolving society. Critical thinking is what we ask from you as your sociological imagination is developed and previously held assumptions are questioned.

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. Allow ourselves to reflect and hopefully bring to some conclusion where as a society we are heading.

Your task is to write a report making suggestions in how we may improve society with Child Poverty the theme.

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2023/mar/01/number-of-uk-children-in-food-poverty-nearly-doubles-in-a-year-to-4m>

<https://www.bigissue.com/news/social-justice/child-poverty-uk-definitions-details-causes-consequences/>

Start the report by defining the following concepts;

- Culture
- Material and cultural deprivation
- Cultural capital
- Social class
- Poverty
- Crime
- identity

Try to find 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?

During the first lesson we can share ideas and write a letter combining our ideas to our local MP.

We are looking forward to meeting you next September. We hope you enjoy your summer and arrive re-charged and excited about the challenges and experience of joining King Edward VII Sixth Form.

Thanks Mr Spears