BUDMOUTH ACADEMY
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Sociology - Sixth Form Pre-Course Task

Welcome to Sociology at Budmouth 6th Form!

You will be studying AQA 7192 A Level Sociology. In Year 12 you will study Education, Families and Households and Research Methods. You will be expected to gain an understanding of some of the key theoretical perspectives in Sociology early on in the course.

You should buy in preparation a lever arch file, an A4 notebook, a pack of plastic wallets and dividers, as well as a paper diary (which will be useful for all subjects) and a pack of dry wipe whiteboard pens.

In preparation for you joining us in September, please complete the following pre-course tasks where you will have the opportunity to showcase your prior knowledge, skills and to outline your specific areas of interest within this subject area more widely.

**You can write your responses directly into the boxes provided or type your responses on a separate document.*

TASK 1: Tell us how this subject links to your future aspirations.
For example, this might be the career you'd like to enter into or the apprenticeship/university course you'd like to pursue.

Useful websites for careers guidance:

https://www.ucas.com/explore/search/courses?query=
https://www.ucas.com/careers-advice
https://findapprenticeshiptraining.apprenticeships.education.gov.uk/courses
https://uk.indeed.com/
https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/

TASK 2- Research: Functionalism, Marxism, Feminism, Social Action Theories and Postmodernism. Create a one page fact file for each. Are they a conflict or consensus perspective? Are they structuralist or Social Action? What are the key values/beliefs of each and what do they say about the family, education, religion and crime? Try to include 2 key sociologists for each.

TASK 3-Written task (word count 300-500 words): Write an essay detailing your experiences of education so far, the positives and the negatives. What do you feel has been the purpose of your education? Do you feel your education has been impacted at all by your gender, class or ethnicity? If you had the chance, would you change anything?

Pre-course reading recommendations:

Sociological Perspectives | Introduction to A-Level Sociology
Sociology: Families and Households (AQA A-Level Sociology) - YouTube
Education Topic Videos for AQA A-Level Sociology | Collections | Sociology | tutor2u
Family & Education | Latest News & Updates | BBC News

Gang Leader for a Day by Sudhir Venkatesh
Natives: Race and Class in the Ruins of Empire: Akala
Everyday Sexism by Laura Bates
Chavs: The Demonization of the working class by Owen Jones
Invisible Women by Caroline Criado Perez
One Blood: Inside Britain's Gang Culture by John Neale
Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt

If you have any questions about this course or require any further information on the tasks set above, please contact Hannah Evans, Course Leader, at: hevans@budmouth-aspirations.org.

Please note that all pre-course tasks should be handed to your subject teacher by **Friday 11th September**, if these have been typed then please print them out before handing in.

We look forward to working alongside you and seeing all you can achieve on this course.