

A Level Sociology Summer Work

Although some of you will have studied Sociology at GCSE most of you will be new to Sociology. In order to get you thinking about the course we would like you to write a short essay. You can hand write or word process this essay, and you should have it ready to hand in during your first sociology lesson in September. The essay should be about 500 words long (around a side). You do **not** need to read any books in order to answer this question.

Essay Topic: 'My Socialisation – which social factors have made me who I am?'

Here are some hints about how to write the essay:

Think about the 6 key agents of socialisation:

- Family, education, friends, media, religion and work.

Which of these agents of socialisation has had an impact on you? Which is most important to you, and why? Has the level of influence these agents have had changed as you have grown older – if so, how and why? You do **not** need to mention every one of the six agents, just discuss the agents you think are important or interesting.

Think also about your key features of identity:

- Gender, ethnicity, age, social class, national and religious identity.

Do you have a clear idea of the roles you should play according to your gender/ethnicity/age etc? How did you learn how to behave as you do, and why? What has made you different to other people? Whom are you similar to, and why? Has your identity changed? Why?

- How much do I write?
- When does it have to be handed in?

We are looking for your ability to write coherently, adhere to deadlines and reflect on your social experiences. This work will not be marked according to any exam criteria but used for us to assess your potential so do as well as you can. **HOWEVER.....do not** spend longer than a couple of hours on this!

Have a *great* summer holiday and come back to BHASVIC refreshed.