

# Welcome to Sociology!

WOOO!

Sociology is the study of human behaviour in societies. It is similar to Psychology. Psychologists mostly look at the brain and how that influences human behaviour, whereas Sociologists look at society (family, media, peer groups, education, religion etc) and how that influences our behaviour.

Sociology is an A-Level and our exam board is AQA. Other complementing A-Levels are Psychology, English, History, Geography and Media.

Included below is some work to give you a taste of the 'Sociological Imagination'. I really hope that you enjoy the work and that you are as excited as me for September!

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## TASK ONE:

In Sociology we focus a lot on different inequalities in society. We mainly cover racism, sexism and class inequality. Some amazing movements have happened recently with Black Lives Matter and racism in society. Sociologists argue that there is a lot of racism in the UK but many of us in Gosport are blind to this as the overwhelming majority of us have white privilege. We do not see racism as it does not apply to us. One aim of the course is to educate you about different forms of inequality, especially those that do not impact you. If you are a person who thinks about racism and if racism makes you angry then you definitely belong on a Sociology course.



Read the following news reports about the recent demonstrations. Then design a placard that could be used for a Black Lives Matter protest.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/newsbeat-52892949>

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/jun/08/edward-colston-statue-history-slave-trader-bristol-protest>

<https://www.theguardian.com/film/2020/jun/08/john-boyega-expresses-thanks-for-black-lives-matter-support>



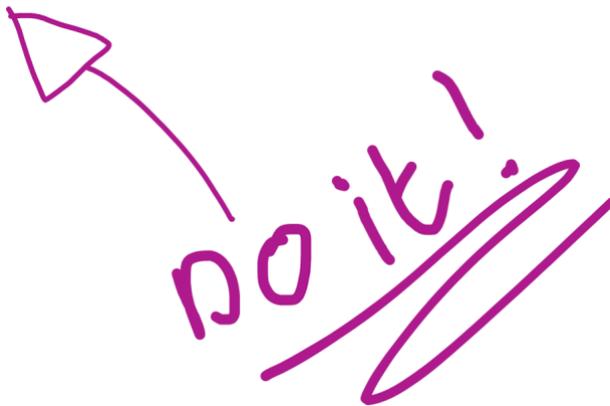
### TASK TWO:

An area of inequality which does impact many of us here in Gosport (and elsewhere) is fat liberation. I am fat, and I am proud to be fat. However of course I have not always felt this way. Many of you may not have ever encountered positive views about fatness before. Watch the following video and reflect on your own views. Why is fat shaming wrong? Where have you seen fat shaming? Have you ever been fat shamed or shamed someone else? What can we do about it?

[https://www.ted.com/talks/sofie\\_hagen\\_you\\_can\\_be\\_fat\\_and\\_happy?language=en](https://www.ted.com/talks/sofie_hagen_you_can_be_fat_and_happy?language=en)

If you enjoyed the video you might want to follow these influencers on Insta:

- Bodyposipanda
- Chloeincurve\_
- Sofiehagendk
- Lizzobeating



### TASK THREE:

Well done if you have got this far! I would love for you to make a little fact sheet about yourself so that I can get to know you a bit! Make sure you include your name, previous school, hobbies and interests, favourite Insta influencer, Netflix shows you like etc.

I want you to use these links to include some more info on your fact sheet...

Look at this page and tell me the topic heading that you find most interesting and why.

<https://www.britsoc.co.uk/what-is-sociology/what-do-sociologists-do/>

Use this link to tell me which career you are the most interested in.

<https://www.britsoc.co.uk/what-is-sociology/sociologist-careers/>

All of this information will help me get to know you a bit, and also what kind of Sociologist you are!



Well done for getting through all the work. Can't wait to meet my new squad in September. Have the best summer ever! Do amazing fun things and lots of self care.

