

Bridging Resources for Year 11 Applicants: Sociology



St John Rigby College

Sociology summer activities

Hi everyone, welcome to Sociology at St. John Rigby college. We can't wait to welcome you to the department and for you to join us at college.

Below are a number of activities that you could do to help prepare for Sociology at college.



- 1) Research the following tribes:
 - a. Ika people in Uganda
 - b. Read the following article on one of the last known cannibal tribes that exist

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/travel/sleeping-with-cannibals-128958913/>

Looking at these tribes will give you some great examples of people around the world that live very differently to people in the UK

- 2) Come up with a list of animals that are eaten around the world that are not eaten in the UK

You should hopefully find some of these very strange yet again, these examples will highlight the differences that can be seen around the world.

- 3) Create a list of all the changes that are being made in society due to the Coronavirus outbreak and compare them to what used to be. These changes show how society has changed in such a short space of time and Sociologists will be looking at these for years to come
Eg/ Staying two metres apart is now common which has never happened before

This very relevant task will help you to consider how society changes over time.

- 4) More fantastic studies to read:

- a. Explore everything (Garrett) – a UK professor climbs and explores buildings and tunnels in the UK and across the world ending in police arrest
- b. Folk devils and moral panics (Cohen) – a classic Sociological study into how moral panics happen

If you read any of these, you will gain a great insight into some fantastic research but also on some very interesting subcultures and groups that can be found on the 'outside' of society.





5) Watch any Louis Theroux documentaries on Netflix or the BBC

Any of Louis Theroux's work will give you some amazing insight into some hidden and sometimes challenging topics. He looks at 'new' types of families, prisons and criminals, neo – Nazis and more.

Any of these activities will help you start your course with some fantastic knowledge and examples.

Have a great summer and if you have any questions or want extra activities to do please contact:

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