



Overview of Bridging Course

Department: **Sociology**

What is the focus of this bridging course?

- Students will be introduced to the study of Sociology – what it is and as an academic discipline, what it involves.
- Students will be introduced to the topic of Education, which forms part of the A-level spec.
- Students will be introduced to Marxist and feminist theory, and these sociological perspectives on education.

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April*

- Students will learn a bit more about what Sociology is as an academic subject, and what it involves.
- Students will learn about what to expect from Sociology lessons so they can make an informed choice about whether or not it might be the subject for them.
- Students will begin to explore the role of education in society.

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- Students will continue to explore the role of education in society.
- Students will begin to develop their subject terminology, and understanding the concepts behind subject terms.
- Students will begin to research and understand the theory of Functionalism and what functionalists believe about education. Students will begin to think about the pros and cons of this theory.

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May*

- Students will be introduced to ideas relating to gender and feminism.
- Students will explore the feminist views of education, and the significance of gender within the education system.
- Students will evaluate these views against their own ideas.

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May*

- Students will be introduced to ideas relating to social class and Marxism.
- Students will explore the Marxist views of education, and the significance of social class within the education system.
- Students will evaluate these views against their own ideas.

Work that will students will receive feedback on:

- At the end of week 4 students will be tasked with creating a revision / summary poster of all they have learn about Sociological perspectives on education. This will be marked when students start the course in Year 12.