



## Sociology

This work is to be completed for your first timetabled lesson. It will be marked 😊 Please can you complete these two tasks. The work can be handwritten or typed; it is your call.

### Task 1:

Please can you conduct a semi-structured interview with an adult family member or adult family friend. Your aim is to understand what their educational experience was like and then compare it to your secondary school experience.

**The set of questions below must be answered BUT you can ask as many additional questions as you like 😊**

- 1- What years did you attend secondary school?
- 2- What did you like about school?
- 3- What did you not like about school?
- 4- Did teachers discipline differently to how they do now when you were at school?
- 5- What qualifications did you get at the end of year 11?
- 6- Would you say school was harder when you attended than what it is now?
- 7- Did you go to college/sixth form?
- 8- Did you go to university?

### Task 2.

Based on the answers from your interview, you are to reflect upon changes between their experience and your own. This is to be written in proper paragraphs and again can be hand-written or typed.

You can consider any of these points to help you reflect.

- Are there any major differences such as discipline, type of qualifications etc
- Did they like school, is this different to your experience? Explain and justify answer
- Are there any similarities between their experiences of school and yours?

**Extension task**- this is optional. You do not have to do this 😊

Read the article attached to this pack.

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2022/jun/29/replace-a-levels-to-combat-academic-snobbery-says-royal-society-president>

**You are to then give an opinion piece about this.** Give your view about A-levels. Do you like the idea of them, are you excited to start your A-levels, do you think A-levels are appropriate for 16-19 study? Really consider the value of these qualifications!

**Where does this all sit in terms of your sociology curriculum? We study education for about 3 months. We will look at many of the aspects covered in this homework task so it is a very valuable and though provoking piece of work 😊**