LOWESTOFT
SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

Summer Project 2019

Subject: A-Level Sociology

Teacher: Richard Worthington

Purpose of your Summer Project: *The purpose of this Summer Project is to develop your sociological imagination by engaging in some sociological research designed by the current year 12 students.*

Tasks/Activities:

The point of this is to give you a taste of what the focus of Sociology is! So you will need to conduct research into sociological phenomena developed by our year 12 students. Don't worry, all you need to do is follow these instructions: You have a number of questionnaires attached. At the top of the questionnaire it says either 'Student' or 'Parent/ Carer/ other older family member. So, either you fill it out, or someone else does. Once you have filled in the various questionnaires, bring them back and the year 13s will do the analysis.

The overall aim of the research is to understand your and your parents' perceptions of culture and identity; how the mass media influences your identity and local economy amongst many others.

Hand in date: First lesson in September 2019. At a later date, the year 13 students will present the findings and analysis.

Email R.worthington@lowestoftsfc.ac.uk if you have any questions

Extra reading

An example of research methods: Professor Green investigates poverty. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PopPlAXcWDE

Any Louis Theoux documentary (think about how he develops rapport)

https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b05qzmgd/louis-theroux

http://www.lse.ac.uk/sociology/about

Read:

https://www.britsoc.co.uk/what-is-sociology/studying-sociology/

https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/14684446

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For Parents to fill out

Questionnaire – *Consumer Habits/patterns*, TNC destruction of local, independent shops

Gender _____

Age _____

On average, how often do you visit your local high street each week?

1 time 2/3 times More than 4 times Rarely e.g Once a month Never

How long do you spend on the high street on average?

15 mins or less 16-45 mins 46-90mins 91mins-3hrs Over 3hours

What type of shop do you spend the most time in usually and what is the name of the specified shop?

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You have two options of where to buy your coffee/favoured beverage - a local, independent shop or a national/global brand. Which is your preference?

And why?

Could you describe the changes that have happened to your high street in the last 20 years or since you arrived, in reference to shopping options?

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Parents to fill out this questionnaire

Leisure Choices Questionnaire

Disclaimer: This research is only going to be used in college (sociology) and everything will be kept confidential. If you don't wish to take part in this research then you do not have to.

- Do you read a newspaper? yes /no

- If yes, which newspaper do you read?

- Do you go to church? yes/no

- Do you, or have you belonged to a trade union? yes/no

- Do you, or have you belonged to a working men's club? yes/no

- Are you, or have you been part of any leisure clubs? yes/no

- If yes, name them:

- Do you go to the library? yes/no

- Where do you buy your clothes?

- Where do you buy your groceries?

- How often do you go out for meals?

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- Do you shop online? yes/no

- Can you drive? yes/no

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Student to fill out

Future Prospects Questionnaire

1. Do you think that you will want to stay in Lowestoft after you finish education? (i.e After college and/or University)

2. Do you think that Lowestoft can provide a good career in your future?

3. Where do you see yourself in 20 years? Tick the boxes that you think will apply to you

☐ Financially stable ☐ A well-paying job ☐ A family ☐ Married ☐ Own your own house ☐ Own a car ☐ Move away from Lowestoft	Any other options that are not included, write them down here:

4. What advice have you received from your parents about your future?

5. What skills have you learned now that you can use throughout your life?

6. Have your future prospects been influenced by what family members and/or friends have done?

7. Will religion influence your future decisions?

8. Have your parents suggested any career paths to you? If so, what are they?

9. What A-Level qualifications are you hoping to study at college?

10. With those qualifications, what career will you want to pursue?

11. Do you parents ask you if you have any homework?

12. Do your parents attend parent evenings at school?