



### **Summer Preparation Work**

Welcome to Sociology! We would like you to complete the following piece of preparation work before you start studying at Wilberforce. An important part of Sociology is looking at social inequalities in Britain, such as the economic divide that is growing between the richest members of society and the poorest. It is often argued that an individual's economic success is based solely on how hard they work; but is this totally accurate? Do structural inequalities such as growing up in poverty, have an impact on a person's chances of success? Can food poverty lead to physical and mental health problems that might make it more difficult for someone to do well in education and find employment in the best jobs? The type of work that sociologists do can involve looking into these issues and putting forward solutions that help the most disadvantaged in society get out of poverty.

The preparation work that we would like you to do involves looking into the issue of economic disadvantage by looking into the issue of food poverty. In 2017/2018, 5100 three-day emergency food supplies were given to people in crisis in Hull from the Trussel Group Food banks. What are the issues that surround this indicator of economic inequality, where people living in the 5th richest country in the world are compelled to turn to charity to feed themselves and their children?

**Please be aware that prep work** is an important aspect of your induction onto all courses at Wilberforce Sixth Form College. Please have this ready to hand in during enrolment or to your course teacher in the first week of lessons.

Kind regards

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#### **Task 1 - Research**

Using the following links research food bank use in the UK.

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/uk-food-bank-users-on-16213065>

<https://www.nursingtimes.net/news/show-me-the-money-if-nurses-use-food-banks-the-reasons-are-anything-but-complex/7017724.article>

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/food-bank-uk-benefits-trussell-trust-cost-of-living-highest-rate-a8317001.html>

<https://hull.foodbank.org.uk/>

<https://www.trusselltrust.org/>

<https://www.trusselltrust.org/2019/04/25/record-1-6m-food-bank-parcels/>

[https://www.trusselltrust.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2017/06/UO\\_exec\\_summary\\_final\\_02\\_04\\_online.pdf](https://www.trusselltrust.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2017/06/UO_exec_summary_final_02_04_online.pdf)

### **Task 2 - Create**

Produce a PowerPoint that examines food poverty and food bank use in Britain

### **Task 3 - Question**

How many people use food banks in the UK?

Is the number of people using food banks increasing?

What are the main reasons why people use food banks?

Explain who you think is mostly responsible for food bank use; the government or individuals?

What solutions do you think there are?

What does the existence of food banks in the UK in 2019 say about inequality in British society?