**A-Level Sociology – Summer Transition Work (Task 1)**

Theoretical approaches underpin everything that you will study in Sociology. It is therefore crucial that you have a confident understanding of key sociological theories before you start the course.

Complete the table below in as much detail as you can using the links to support your research. Those who have studied GCSE Sociology should predominantly use the A Level resources.

**If you have not studied GCSE Sociology:**

* Use the PowerPoint on Firefly as a starting point for your research.
* <https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/collections/theory-methods-student-revision-videos>

**If you have studied GCSE Sociology:**

* <https://revisesociology.com/sociology-theories-a-level/>
* <https://www.thoughtco.com/sociology-key-concepts-4133512>

**High level work** will also consider how these theories are applied to different sectors of society – in particular, education, the criminal justice system, healthcare and international development.

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| **Theoretical Approach** | **Conflict or Consensus Theory?** | **Summary of Theory** | **Key Thinkers** |
| Functionalism |  |  |  |
| New Right |  |  |  |
| Interactionism |  |  |  |
| Feminism |  |  |  |
| Marxism |  |  |  |
| Post Modernism |  |  |  |