

## A-Level Sociology – Pre-Course Task

To help prepare you for A-Level Sociology, you are going to undertake a short research project.

The question you need to research, plan and write an answer to is –

### ‘Explain why girls currently do better than boys in the British education system’

To help you, the following plan may be helpful

- Introduction – What evidence can you find to support this claim? Think about the news headlines this summer.
- Reasons for girls improvement – possible ideas to find out about are :
  - Rise of feminism
  - Changes in schools
  - Changes in family life
  - Changes in employment
- Reasons for boys under-achievement – are boys just doing worse? Is it all boys?
- Conclusion – which reason seems the most convincing to you? Justify your decision

Resources – you may find the following websites helpful

<http://www.s-cool.co.uk/a-level/sociology/inequalities/revise-it/gender>

<http://beta.tutor2u.net/sociology/blog/gender-and-educational-attainment>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=omhQoqmbbWw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WCQ6smO36SU>

This work needs to be completed for your first day back – you can email it to me during the summer holidays to [hkp@highdown.reading.sch.uk](mailto:hkp@highdown.reading.sch.uk)