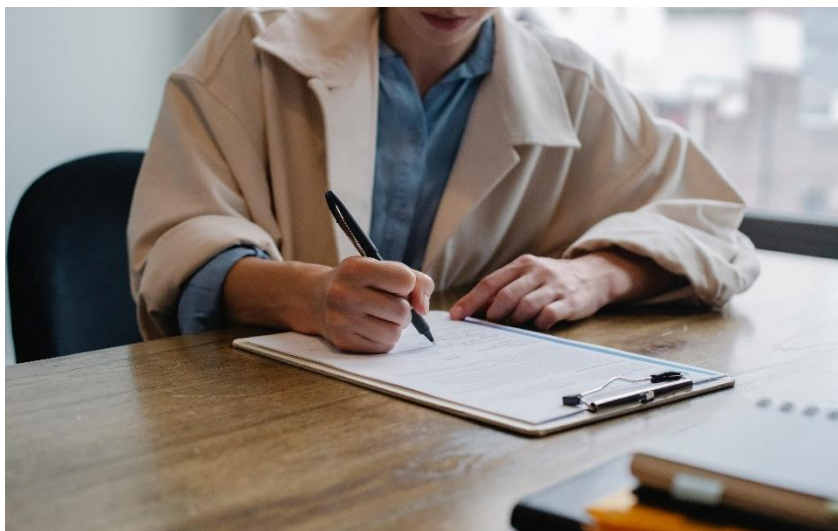


Our sociologists carry out research in school



As part of their topic on gender and education our Sixth Form sociologists carried out a mini research project in school. We have been thinking about whether there is a difference between boys and girls in the way they interact with peers and staff in class and their approach to their work. We devised a questionnaire to test the theories we have studied looking at how many times different pupils answered questions, were praised or reprimanded and how quickly pupils settled to their work. They covered a range of subjects from food tech to English and their findings were really interesting. In some ways they agreed with the theories but there was some variation showing that the theory we study is not always the same in practice and may be influenced by different teachers and different pupils. This exercise gave such useful context to the sociology we have looked at and we were so grateful for staff (Mrs Holmes, Mr Davison, Mr Davidson and Mr Widdop) for welcoming our Sixth Formers into their lessons!

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