

A Level PE – Sport and Society unit Summer assignment

Firstly, make sure you have watched the pre-recorded lesson on the website.

Task one.

For your first task you could find as many sports as you can that were created and whose governing body was created in Britain. Below is an example:

Rugby Football Union (RFU) 1871

Task two.

Next you can look into what sports/ pastimes existed before the Industrial Revolution. The key thing we need to know is who played them (Men? Women? Both? Upper class? Lower class? Both?) and if more than one group played them, i.e., both upper and lower class, did they have a different role?

Below are some examples of pre-industrial pastimes and sports you can research:

Pedestrianism, Mob Football, Cheese rolling, Real Tennis, Hawking

Do these five. Where can you find an example of it? How was it played? Who played it?

Is it

still played today?

Once you have done these five, find two more of your own.

Task three.

Below are some more questions that I would like you to do some independent research into before suggesting your opinion.

‘We will never be able to stop athletes taking performance enhancing drugs.’

Find out what drugs are often taken to improve performance. Why do athletes take them.

How have we tried to stop them taking drugs? And do you think we will ever succeed and why?

‘VAR should be scrapped and never used in football again’

Why is VAR so controversial? What are the arguments for and against its use? Is the use of some technology in decision making OK? What other sports use it effectively? Should VAR be used? Should any technology be used in decision making?

The following articles might help with the above but also may just give you a good idea of the sorts of things we will cover over the two years.

Sport on video refereeing:

<https://www.independent.co.uk/sport/rugby/rugby-union/international/england-vs-new-zealand-result-final-score-eddie-jones-offside-tmo-call-courtney-lawes-world-rugby-a8628021.html>

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/rugby-union/2018/11/10/tmo-wrong-rule-england-try-offside-no-clear-evidence-overturn/>

<https://thesportsdespatch.com/var-and-its-impact-on-football>

Sport funding:

<https://www.uk sport.gov.uk/our-work/investing-in-sport/current-funding-figures>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/olympics/40437957>

History of football – Finally a nice piece of homework. There is a Netflix series on the birth of football in England. Read the article and if you have Netflix, have a look at it.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-51574065>