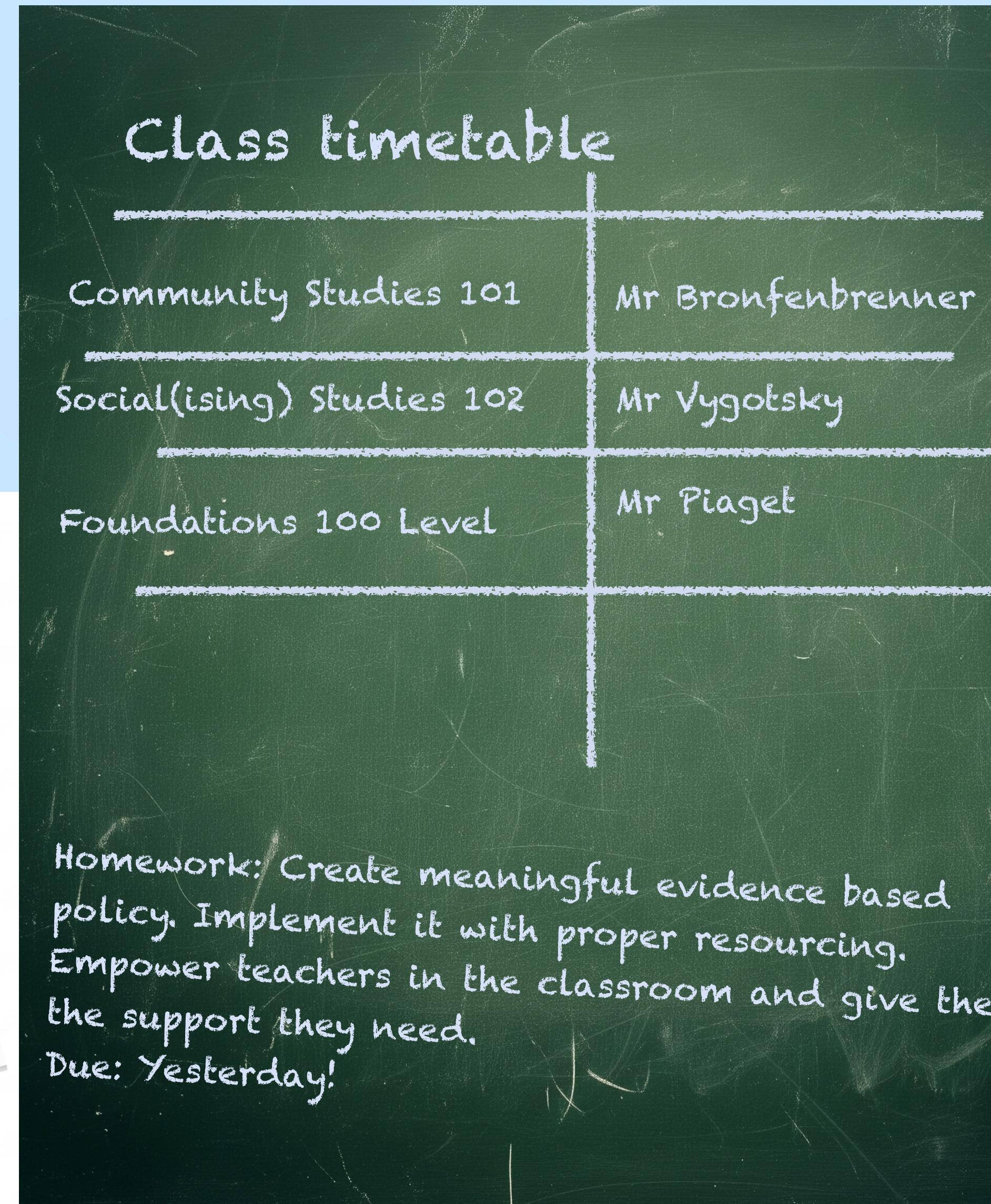


# Is it back to school for NSW Education?

1 in 4 children are being left behind



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HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

**Fixing the System Exam**

Writing Booklet



Question Number
<b>Q21</b>

Instructions

**By Year 9:** Students from low-SES and regional backgrounds are up to 5 years behind in literacy and numeracy.

**By Year 10:** Disadvantaged students face rising disengagement, absenteeism, and risk of early school leaving.

**By Year 11:** Fewer subject and pathway options limit access to ATAR or VET credentials in regional schools.

Following School Lower Year 12 completion leads to higher unemployment and poorer long-term life outcomes

References: Check out the QR code!

Time Allowed: It is already too late. Time to fix the problem