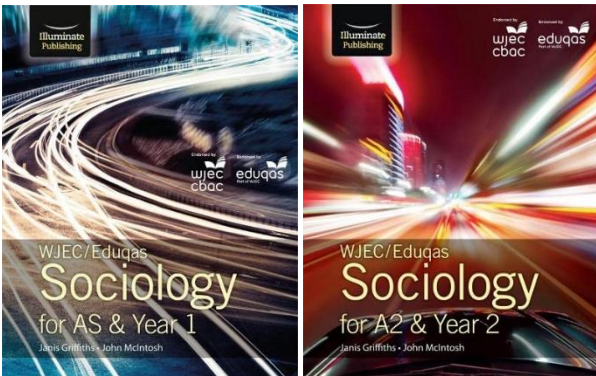


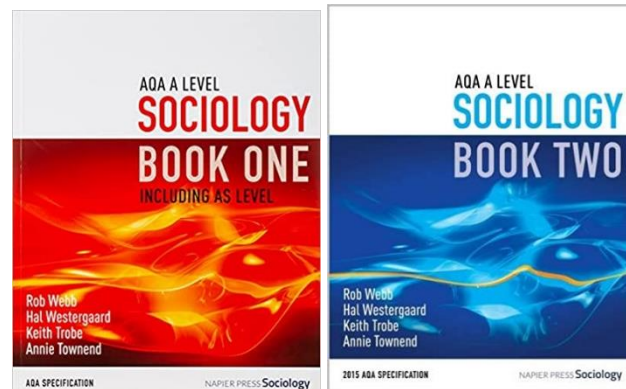
Sociology Transition work

Welcome

Congratulations on choosing to study Sociology. The subject is fascinating and a good choice for a range of careers and university courses, but it is also very demanding and requires a lot of independent study and personal research. Because of this we recommend you purchase one of the following books:



These are the official EDUQAS textbooks. We have classroom copies but you may prefer your own.



The AQA books are recommended for extra research and revision because of the depth and detail they cover.

All books can be found on eBay and World of Books at reasonable prices.

There are of course plenty of other books that we would recommend looking at to prepare you for some of the debates you will encounter during the course. Do try to read at least one over the summer:

Reading List - Sociology

- Brave New World – Aldous Huxley
- Animal Farm – George Orwell
- 1984 – George Orwell
- Chavs: The Demonisation of the Working Class – Owen Jones
- The Establishment and How They Get Away With It – Owen Jones
- The Handmaid's Tale – Margaret Atwood (also a series)
- Outsiders: Studies in Sociology of Deviance – Howard S Becker
- Folk Devils and Moral Panics – Stanley Cohen
- A Glasgow Gang Observed – Patrick James
- Gang Leader For A Day – Sudhir Venkatesh

Transition tasks: 1. Write a report on one or more of the following topics:

- Why girls achieve better GCSE results than boys
- The changing role of women in the 20th century
- Why crime statistics can't always be trusted
- How the education system has changed since 1900
- The difference between working class and middle class culture
- How Functionalism and Marxism differ in their views of the education system
- Why the nuclear family is considered to be bad for women
- How teacher labelling of pupils affects their chances of attainment in school
- How does inequality in the UK impact the life chances of the poorest.

I would like to see evidence of research in your reports. You could look at newspapers such as 'The Guardian for this, but look carefully at the articles to see a) who conducted the research and b) how old the research is. Older research is not as useful and does not reflect society today, although older research is useful for looking at patterns and trends in society.

Task 2.

I would like you construct a debate on one of the following topics:

Should abortion be illegal?

Have trans rights gone too far or not far enough?

Is stop and search a racist practice or is it vital in preventing crime?

Do families need fathers?

Put both sides of the argument on a single side of A4. Conduct research and bring your own opinions or experiences into the debate. Try not to be too subjective. Look at the facts and the evidence and make your own judgement based on this.