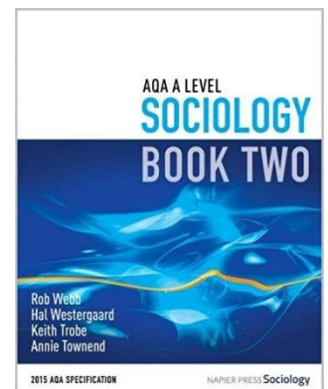
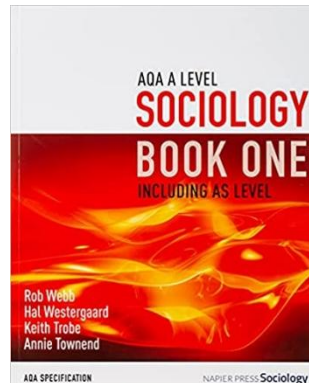
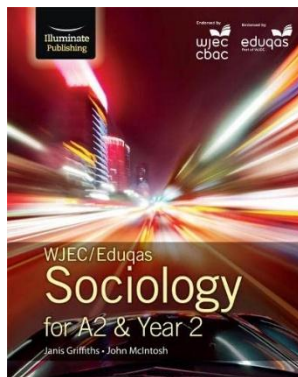
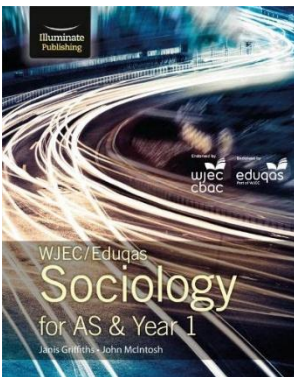


# Sociology Transition work

Welcome

Congratulations on choosing to study Sociology. The subject is fascinating and a good choice for a range of careers and university courses. 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 which can be found cheaply on Vinted and Ebay:



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

The AQA books are recommended for supplemental 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 – James Patrick
- Gang Leader For A Day – Sudhir Venkatesh

**Tasks you can do to prepare for the course –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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

Finally, try to develop a curiosity for the world and social events. This will help you to think critically- a vital skill in sociology.

Try to watch a news bulletin at least once a day or download a news app. Try to develop opinions about the world and current events (eg abortion, trans rights, sexism, politics, crime and education) and justify them using the evidence around you.