



## **Christopher Whitehead Language College and Sixth Form** **A Level Sociology Reading and Resource List**

**AQA endorsed textbooks:** There are a range of AQA endorsed books available brand new and second-hand. The exam board's official list is available via the link below.

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/resources/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology/teach/textbooks>

Also recommended are the following resources:

*AQA A-Level Sociology: Themes and Perspectives Year 1 and AS.* Haralambos and Holborn, Collins.

*AQA A-Level Sociology: Themes and Perspectives Year 2.* Haralambos and Holborn, Collins.

*AQA Sociology Student Guide (books 1-4).* Various authors, Hodder education.

*Revise AQA A Level Sociology Revision Guide and Workbook.* Pearson

**Wider reading to support independent study:** The following texts are can be used to develop your understanding of key issues within sociology. Even if some of them do not appear within our discussions of sociology.

### **General guides and introductions:**

*Sociology*, Nicholas Abercrombie

*Sociology*, Anthony Giddens

*Capitalism and Modern Social Theory*, Anthony Giddens

*Understanding Classical Sociology*, J.A. Hughes, W.W. Sharrock, and P.J. Martin

*The Sociological Imagination*, C. Wright Mills

*Sociology: Diversity, Conflict, and Change*, K.J. Neubeck and D.S. Glasberg.

*The Blackwell Dictionary of Modern Social Thought*, W. Outhwaite

*The New Culture of Capitalism*, Richard Sennett

*The Art of Sociological Argument*, Graham Crow

### **Specific studies related to course content suggested by AQA and endorsed textbooks:**

#### **Education:**

*The Division of Labour in Society*, Emile Durkheim

*Some Principles of Stratification*, Davis and Moore

*Politics, Markets and America's Schools*, Chubb and Moe

*A Lesson in School Reform from Great Britain*, Chubb and Moe  
*Diversity, Opportunity and the Shifting Meritocracy in Higher Education*, Alon and Tienda  
*Education, Meritocracy and the Global War for Talent*, Brown and Tannock  
*Higher Education and Social Class*, Archer et al.  
*Learning to Labour*, Paul Willis  
*Deschooling Society*, Ivan Illich  
*Pedagogy of the Oppressed*, Paulo Freire  
*Schooling in Capitalist America*, Bowles and Gintis  
*Schooling in Capitalist America Revisited*, Bowles and Gintis  
*Ideology and Ideological State Apparatuses*, Louis Althusser  
*The Forms of Capital*, Pierre Bourdieu  
*The Home and School*, JWB Douglas  
*Education Cannot Compensate for Society*, B. Bernstein  
*Pygmalion in the Classroom*, Rosenthal and Jacobson  
*Can Neds (or Chavs) Be Non-Delinquent, Educated or Even Middle Class? Contrasting Empirical Findings with Cultural Stereotypes*, Robert Young  
*Breaking Through Barriers to Boys Achievement: Developing a Caring Masculinity*, Gary Wilson  
*Just Like a Girl: How Girls Learn to be Women*, Sue Sharpe  
*Girls and Subcultures*, A. McRobbie  
*Boys, Girls and Achievement: Addressing the Classroom Issues*, B. Francis  
*Not/Knowing Their Place: Girls' Classroom Behaviours*, B. Francis  
*Introduction to Gender and Education*, Rao and Sweetman  
*Science for Girls*, A. Kelly  
*The Impact of Attitudes and Aspirations on Education Attainment and Participation*, Gorard and Davies  
*Low Income and Early Cognitive Development in the UK*, Washbrook and Waldfogel  
*New Class Inequalities in Education: Why Education Policy May Be Looking in the Wrong Place!* Stephen J. Ball  
*Ethnicity and Education- The evidence on Minority Ethnic Pupils*, Department for Education and Science.  
*Racism and Education: Coincidence or Conspiracy*, David Gilborn  
*No Black in a Baccalaureate*, David Gilborn  
*Rationing Education*, Gilborn and Youdell  
*Mapping Race, Class and Gender*, Gilborn and Mirza  
*Teaching Disadvantaged Children in the Preschool*, Bereiter and Engelmann  
*Hightown Grammar, the School as a Social System*, C. Lacey  
*School Choice, Social Class and Distinction*, Stephen J. Ball  
*Schools in Disadvantaged Areas*, R. Lupton  
*Degrees of Choice*, Reay, David and Ball.  
*Intergenerational Bonding in School*, Consoe, Kirkpatrick Johnson and Elder Jr.  
*Social Class Variations in the Teacher-Pupil Relationship*, HS Becker.  
*Do School Bullying and Student-Teacher Relationships Matter for Academic Achievement?* Konishi, Hymel, Zumbo and Zhen.  
*Challenging Classes*, Archer and Francis.  
*The Making of Men: Masculinities, Sexualities and Schooling*, M. Mac an Ghail

*Critical Race Theory, Multicultural Education and the Hidden Curriculum of Hegemony*, Michelle Jay  
*Young, Gifted and Black: Student-Teacher Relations in the Schooling of Black Youth*, M. Mac an Ghail  
*Challenging Classes*, N. Keddie  
*Black Masculinities*, T. Sewell  
*Loose Canons: Exploding the Myth of the Black Macho Lad*, T. Sewell  
*Privatisation and Marketisation in Education Policy*, Geoff Whitty  
*Markets, Choice and Equity in Education*, Sharon Gewirtz  
*Marketization and Privatization in Mass Education Systems*, Whitty and Power  
*Globalisation and its Impact on Education*, Jacques Hallak

### **Theory and Methods:**

*Suicide*, Emile Durkheim  
*The Division of Labour in Society*, Emile Durkheim  
*The Social System*, Talcott Parsons  
*Social Theory and Social Structure*, R. Merton  
*Selected Writings*, Karl Marx  
*Capital: A Critique of Political Economy*  
*Selections from the Prison Notebooks*, Antonio Gramsci  
*On Ideology*, Louis Althusser  
*Lenin and Philosophy and Other Essays*, Louis Althusser  
*The Constitution of Society*, Anthony Giddens  
*Theorising Patriarchy*, Sylvia Walby  
*Same Difference: Feminism and Sexual Difference*, Carol Lee Bach  
*Difference Feminism Now*, Margery Lucas  
*The Female Eunuch*, Germaine Greer  
*The Beauty Myth*, Naomi Wolf  
*The Theory of Social and Economic Organisation*, Max Weber  
*Through Values to Social Interpretation*, H. Becker  
*Studies in Ethnomethodology*, H. Garfinkel  
*Mind, Self and Society*, H. Mead  
*Symbolic Interactionism: Perspective and Method*, H. Blumer  
*The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life*, Erving Goffman  
*The Postmodern Condition*, Jean-Francois Lyotard  
*Modernity and Self-Identity*, Anthony Giddens  
*The Consequences of Modernity*, Anthony Giddens  
*Risk Society: Towards a New Modernity*, Ulrich Beck  
*The Condition of Postmodernity*, David Harvey  
*Selected Writings*, Jean Baudrillard  
*The Discovery of Grounded Theory*, Glaser and Strauss  
*Discovering Suicide: Studies in the Social Organisation of Sudden Death*, Maxwell J. Douglas  
*The Logic of Scientific Discovery*, Karl Popper  
*The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*, Thomas Kuhn  
*Social Theory as Science*, Keat and Urry  
*The Course on Positive Philosophy*, Auguste Comte  
*The Coming Crisis of Western Sociology*, AW Gouldner

*Introducing Sociology*, P. Worsley  
*The Sociological Imagination*, C. Wright Mills  
*Losing Ground: American Social Policy*, Charles Murray  
*A Glasgow Gang Observed*, James Patrick  
*Doing Qualitative Research: A Practical Handbook*, David Silverman  
*Qualitative Research Methods for the Social Sciences*, Berg and Lune  
*Introduction to Quantitative Research*, Balnaves and Caputi  
*Social Research Methods*, W. Laurence Newman.  
*Designing Surveys: A Guide to Decisions and Procedures*, Czaja, Blair and Blair.  
*Social Research Methods*, Alan Bryman  
*The Rashomon Effect. Combining Positivist and Interpretivist Approaches in the Analysis of Contested Events*, Roth and Mehta.  
*Interpretivism and Generalisation*, Malcolm Williams  
*Research Ethics for Social Scientists*, Israel and Hay

### **Families and Households:**

*The Normal American Family*, Talcott Parsons  
*Social Structure*, GP Murdock  
*Capitalism, the Family and Personal Life*, E. Zaretsky  
*Subject Women*, Ann Oakley  
*The Sociology of Housework*, Ann Oakley  
*The Policing of Families*, J. Donzelot  
*Emerging British Underclass*, Charles Murray  
*Underclass: The Crisis Deepens*, Charles Murray  
*The Rise of the Neo-Conventional Family*, R. Chester  
*Same Sex Intimacies: Families of Choice and other Life Experiments*, Weeks, Heaphy and Donovan  
*Introducing the Sociology of Personal Life*, V. May  
*Personal Life*, C. Smart  
*In the Name of the Family: Rethinking Family Values in the Postmodern Age*, J. Stacey  
*Women's "Triple Shift": paid employment, domestic labour and "emotion work"*, Duncombe and Marsden  
*Money and Marriage*, J. Pahl  
*Women, Violence and Social Change*, Dobash and Dobash  
*The Domestic Labour Revolution*, JI Gershuny  
*Age and Generation in Modern Britain*, J. Pilcher  
*Centuries of Childhood*, P. Aries  
*The Disappearance of Childhood*, N. Postman  
*Toxic Childhood: How the Modern World is Damaging our Children and What We Can Do About It*, S. Palmer  
*The Best Days of Our Lives*, S. Womack?  
*Girls and Subcultures*, McRobbie and Garber  
*Discourses of Adolescence*, J. Brannen  
*Youth Transitions and Interdependent Adult-Child Relations in Rural Bolivia*, S. Punch.  
*The Modern Rise of Population*, T. McKeown  
*What Will It Take To End Child Poverty*, D. Hirsch  
*The Cost of a Child*, D. Hirsch

*Poverty in the United Kingdom*, P. Townsend  
*Age and Generation in Britain*, J. Pilcher  
*Aging and Popular Culture*, A. Blaikie  
*Families, Communities and Social Change: Then and Now*, Nickie Charles  
*To Buy or Not to Buy: Family Dynamics and Children's Consumption*, Evans and Chandler  
*A New American Family?* Becker and Todd  
*Changing Rhythms of American Family Life*. Bianchi, Robinson and Milkie  
*The Story of Modern Childhood*, Libby Brooks  
*Children in an Aging Society*, Peter Uhlenberg  
*The Changing Family and Child Development*, Violato, Oddone-Paolucci and Genius (eds)  
*Focus on People and Migration*, Chamberlain and Gill  
*A Century of Change: Trends in UK Statistics since 1990*, Hicks and Allen

### **Beliefs in Society:**

*The Elementary Forms of the Religious Life*, Emile Durkheim  
*Magic, Science and Religion and Other Essays*, B. Malinowski  
*The Sacred Canopy: Elements of a Sociological Theory of Religion*, PL Berger  
*A Rumour of Angels*, PL Berger  
*Religious Perspectives in Sociology and Social Psychology*, Talcott Parsons  
*Selected Writings*, Karl Marx  
*Public Religions in the Modern World*, J. Casanova  
*Religion and Social Conflicts*, Maduro  
*The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*, Max Weber  
*The Sociology of Religion*, Max Weber  
*Sects and Society*, Bryan Wilson  
*Religion in Sociological Perspective*, Bryan Wilson  
*Religion in a Secular Society*, BL Wilson  
*The Elementary Forms of New Religious Life*, R. Wallis  
*The Social Teachings of the Christian Churches*, E. Troeltsch  
*The Makings of a Moonie*, E. Barker  
*New Religious Movements: A Practical Introduction*, E. Barker  
*The Hidden Face of Eve*, N. El Saadawi  
*Religion in Britain Since 1945: Believing Without Belonging*, G. Davie.  
*Religion in Britain: A Persistent Paradox*, G. Davie.  
*Changing Ethnic Identities*, Modood, Beishon and Virdee  
*Christianity (in Women and Religion)* Linda Woodhead  
*Religion in Modern Britain*, Steve Bruce  
*Religion in the Modern World: From Cathedrals to Cults*, Steve Bruce  
*God is Dead: Secularization in the West*, Steve Bruce  
*Funamentalism*, Steve Bruce  
*Sacred and Secular: Religion and Politics Worldwide*, Norris and Inglehart  
*Are High Levels of Existential Security Conducive to Secularization?* Norris and Inglehart  
*The Spiritual Revolution*, Heelas and Woodhead  
*Religion in Modern Times: An Interpretive Anthology*, Heelas and Woodhead  
*Religion in Sociological Perspective*, Roberts and Yamane  
*Religious Extremism: The Good, The Bad and the Deadly*, Lannaccone and Berman

*The Clash of Civilizations*, Samuel P. Huntington

**Crime and Deviance:**

*Rules of Sociological Method*, Emile Durkheim

*Social Theory and Social Structure*, RK Merton

*Delinquent Boys: The Culture of the Gang*, AK Cohen

*Delinquency and Opportunity: A Theory of Delinquent Gangs*, Cloward and Ohlin

*Selected Writings*, Karl Marx

*Toward a Political Economy of Crime*, WJ Chambliss

*The Regulatory Dance: Understanding Reform Processes in Corporate Crime*, L. Snider

*The Political Economy of Crime*, I. Taylor

*Crime in Context: A Critical Criminology of Market Societies*, I. Taylor

*The New Criminology: For a Social Theory of Deviance*, Taylor, Walton and Young.

*Outsiders: Studies in Social Deviance*, H. Becker

*The Social Organisation of Juvenile Justice*, A. Cicourel

*Human Deviance, Social Problems and Social Control*, EM Lemert

*Folk Devils and Moral Panics*, S. Cohen

*Crime, Shame and Reintegration*, J. Braithwaite

*Thinking about Crime*, JQ Wilson

*The Police and Neighbourhood Safety: Broken Windows*. Wilson and Kelling

*The Emerging British Underclass*, C. Murray

*Opportunity Makes the Thief: Practical Theory for Crime Prevention*, Felson and Clarke

*Crime and Everyday Life*, M. Felson

*What is to be Done about Law and Order?* Lea and Young

*The Role of the Police as Amplifiers of Deviancy, Negotiators of Reality and Translators of Fantasy*, J. Young

*The Exclusive Society*, J. Young

*Merton with Energy, Katz with Structure: The Sociology of Vindictiveness and the*

*Criminology of Transgression*, J. Young

*Racism, Crime and Justice*, Bowling and Phillips

*Police and Thieves*, P. Gilroy

*The Whites of their Eyes: Racist Ideologies and the Media*, S. Hall

*Policing the Crisis: Mugging, the State and Law and Order*, Hall et al (eds)

*Women and Crime*, F. Heidensohn

*The Criminality of Women*, O. Pollak

*Women, Crime and Poverty*, P. Carlen

*Crimes of the Powerful*, F. Pearce

*Lower-Class Culture as Generating Milieu of Gang Delinquency*, WB Miller

*End of the Millenium*, M. Castells

*Global Organised Crime: Context and Pretext*, Hobbs and Dunninghan

*McMafia: Seriously Organised Crime*, M. Glenny

*Media and Crime*, Y. Jukes

*Rethinking Moral Panic for Multi-mediated Social Worlds*, McRobbie and Thornton

*A Green Field for Criminology?* N. South

*World at Risk*, Ulrich Beck

*Transnational Environmental Crime*, R. White

*Crimes Against Nature*, R. White  
*State Crime*, E. McLaughlin  
*Defender of Order or Guardians of Human Rights?* H and J Schwendinger  
*Punishment and Social Structure*, Rusche and Kirchheimer  
*Crime, Harm and Corporate Power*, Tombs and Whyte  
*Discipline and Punish*, Michel Foucault  
*The Culture of Control: Crime and Social Order in Contemporary Society*, D. Garland  
*Street Youth, Strain Theory and Crime*, Stephen W. Baron  
*Marginalized White Ethnicity, Race and Crime*, C. Webster  
*Politics of Transnational Organized Crime: Discourse, Reflexivity and the Narration of Threat*,  
Edwards and Gill  
*On the Concept of Moral Panic*, D. Garland  
*Informal Durveillance and Street Crime: A Complex Relationship*, Paul E. Bellair  
*Foucault and Panopticism Revisited*, David Wood  
*Extended Social Disorganization Theory: Modelling the Relationships between Cohesion  
Disorder and Fear*, Liska and Jianhong

### **Journals:**

*Sociology Review* is a useful sociology resource aimed at A-level students, featuring a range of course specific articles written by professional sociologists.

### **Useful online revision sites:**

<https://revisesociology.com/>

<https://www.s-cool.co.uk/a-level/sociology>

<https://sociologytwynham.com/>

### **Useful Youtube channels and playlists:**

Tutor2U – A level Sociology Revision and Exam Technique

Crash Course – Sociology

SocialSciencesUVA – contains a series of playlists on classical sociologists