

Big Thinking - Sociology

Sociology students have worked hard this year, but you can always work harder. Remember you are trying to make marginal gains, when you add up all those small percentage improvements it will have a significant impact on your overall performance. Big thinking will help you to push onto that grade 5, if not higher.

- As we head into the summer you should be looking over the news, BBC website for any contemporary articles or stories to do with the topics you have been taught; education system, families, criminal justice system, social stratification and poverty. Reading and making notes on these stories will help to improve your AO2 mark – examples when writing 3, 4 and 12 mark questions.
- Reading a book over the summer would also be another activity our sociology students would benefit from. Some good books to choose from are listed below. These books not only put you in a good position for Y11 Sociology, but also those of you thinking about the subject at A Level.

Chavs – Owen Jones – Links to social stratification and poverty

Gang Leader for a day – Sudhir Venkatesh – Links to crime

Folk Devil and Moral Panics – Stan Cohen – Links to crime and role of media in reporting crime

Establishment – Owen Jones – Links to social stratification

Toxic Childhood – Sue Palmer – Links to family

Boys adrift – Leonard Sax – Links to education

Post truth – James Ball – link to role of media and power

Jon Ronson - So you have been publicly shamed – links to labelling across education and crime

Phil Scranton – Hillsborough – Links to corporate crime

John Sugden - FIFA, Football, Corruption – Links to corporate crime

- Finally there are some excellent podcasts that students can access on the BBC iPlayer. Check out two great podcasts – BBC R4 Thinking Allowed and BBC R4 Analysis. There are lots of podcasts, so as you look through find ones linked to; education system, families, criminal justice system, social stratification and poverty.

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