

St Edward's Academy

Curriculum Reading Lists



To help you to be successful in all curriculum areas, you should spend time exploring your subjects more widely. Reading around your subjects will help to increase your understanding and will be an interesting and rewarding activity. This additional reading is a supra-curricular activity and it enhances the curriculum. The supra-curriculum is also different to the extra-curricular activities that you take part in.

A supra-curricular activity is subject-specific academic exploration. It builds on and goes beyond what you are studying through the school curriculum. Supra-curricular activities are purely academic in focus and directly relevant to the subject being studied (as opposed to only being relevant through the transferable skills gained). A supra-curricular activity therefore refers to anything you do to explore your subject in greater depth in your own time.

Academic enrichment should be an interesting and rewarding process for you. There is no set formula, nor any 'required reading': it is a chance for you to pick topics that fascinate you and to explore them in a variety of ways. There are also no exams or deadlines and you are free to develop your own lines of research. Do not feel pressured to read something that seems 'impressive', let your own interests guide you. Academic exploration is also a good chance for you to think about what you might like to study in the future.

The following reading lists are intended to challenge and interest you and deepen your understanding of the subject. Enjoy!

Sociology

Key Stage 4

- Sociology : A Giddens
- An Introduction To Sociology : K Browne
- The Family Its Functions and Destiny : Harper & Row
- Learning to Labour : P Willis
- The McDonaldisation of Society : G Ritzer
- Criminology The Basics : S Walklate

Key Stage 5

- Sociology; Themes and Perspectives : Haralambos and Holborn
- Sociology For Everyone : M Joseph
- The Spirit Level why equality is better for everyone: R Wilkinson & K Pickett
- The People The rise and fall of the working class : S Todd
- The Establishment : O Jones
- Chavs : O Jones
- Revolution : R Brand
- The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists : R Tressell
- Criminology The Essentials : James Treadwell
- Gang Leader for a Day; a rogue sociologist crosses the line : S Venkatesh