

AS Sociology – SCLY2 Web and videography Topic 1 - Differential achievement by Social Class

We will look at some of these resources in class; anything else can be regarded as extension work!

Key questions to keep in mind when reading/ watching – ‘What do these sources suggest about the extent of differential educational achievement by social class and the reasons for this difference?’

NB these sources are to supplement rather than replace your text books and the core work you need to do as directed by your teacher on a lesson by lesson basis.

Instructions are in bold and italics- expand the document as necessary...

1. The Guardian (2009) - [GCSE stats in your area by race, class and income](#) – ***Just focussing on income and achievement – note down the differences in achievement...***
2. The Joseph Rowntree Foundation (2010) [Exploring the effects of poverty on educational achievement](#) – you might prefer to read [my summary](#) of this on my blog ***What are the main causes of underachievement according to this article?***
3. Table of the [percentage of independent school children attending selected universities](#) ***Read this entry and the one below and answer the following question – should we abolish private schools?***
4. [Elitism at Oxford and Cambridge](#)

Should we abolish private schools?
Yes/ no – give at least two sociological reasons....

5. [My blog entry on whether we should raise tuition fees](#) ***Read this entry and the two below and using the web if necessary, find some arguments for and against raising tuition fees***
6. [My blog entry – surveys on effects of raising tuition fees](#)
7. [Sorry students – but you’re low in the pain pecking order – article by Polly Toynbe](#)

Arguments for raising tuition fees	Arguments against raising tuition fees

8. [Independent school students get the best jobs](#) *Just read – we will look at this in class shortly*

From here on is some material to just read over if you finish all of the above!

9. [Does cultural capital matter in 'The Apprentice'](#)?
10. The Runnymede Trust (2009) – [who cares about the white working class](#) – chapters 2 and 3 look at educational underachievement
11. [Video – who gets the best jobs?](#) estream link! (can only be accessed from college)
12. [Video – unequal opportunities](#) – estream link! (can only be accessed from college)
13. [The British Social Attitudes Survey \(2010\)](#) – evidence that people believe Britain is meritocratic (supporting the idea of the 'myth of meritocracy')