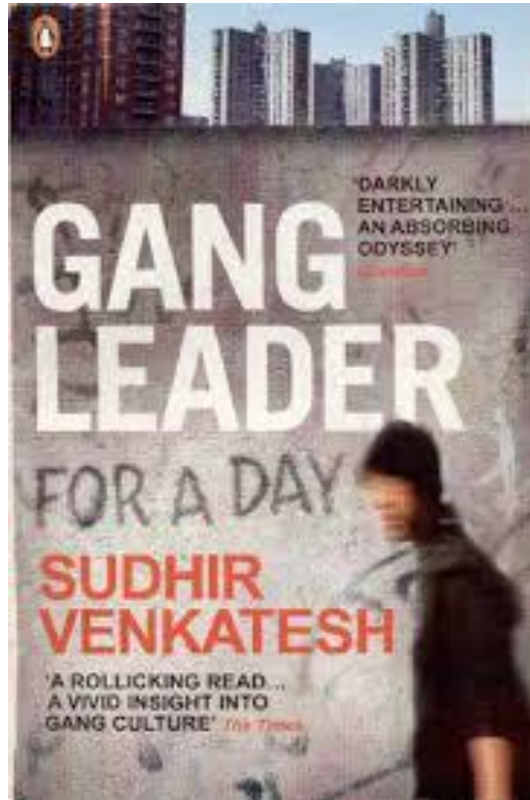


## Upper 6 Sociologists enjoy some summer reading



Our Upper 6 Sociologists have been reading for pleasure during their summer break. The whole group and Ms Bromley have copies of a book called 'Gang Leader for a Day' by Sudhir Venkatesh which we have all read over the summer. We have read this in preparation for our Crime unit and to help us think about different methods of observation. Sudhir is studying at the University of Chicago and decides to take a questionnaire into a housing project run by The Black Kings, a Chicago street gang. After a dangerous start Sudhir spent time with this gang and observed life managing a drug-dealing business. Sudhir discovers a complex community, often more cohesive and nurturing than the predominantly white community he grew up in, but deeply affected by racism and poverty. Sudhir slowly becomes accepted into the community.

It is a really interesting account of the dangers and benefits of participant observation; we would recommend it and we will be using this book throughout the year.

Ms Helen Bromley