

BRIDGING TASKS: WELCOME TO YOUR CRIMINOLOGY STUDIES



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Welcome to the start of your Criminology studies at Penistone Sixth Form.

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Here is a quick reminder of the different units you will be studying in Year 12 and Year 13.

Year 12

Unit 1: Changing Awareness of Crime Internally assessed assignment	This part of the course will allow you to understand a wide range of different crimes that are committed and the reasons why people may not always report such crimes.
Unit 2: Criminological Theories External exam	You will begin by looking at how we define crime by exploring the relationship between criminal behaviour and deviance. In addition, you will explore psychological and sociological explanations for criminal behaviour and what leads people to commit different types of crimes.

Year 13

Unit 3: Crime	You will look at the different methods of investigating crime,
Scene to	including crime scene investigation and forensic science in order to
Courtroom	justify their effectiveness in criminal investigations. You will then
Internally	analyse how the evidence gathered is used within the criminal trial
assessed	process in order to reach a guilty or not guilty verdict.
assignment	
Unit 4: Crime and	In this unit you will study types of punishment for criminal behaviour,
Punishment	why we use these various methods and how effective they are. You
External exam	will also look at the different agencies who work to stop people
	getting involved in criminal activity or prevent those with previous
	convictions from re-offending.

If you are not clear on what a task requires of you or you just have a question about the course, please email us. Also, if you have read any relevant books or articles or if you have seen any documentaries that you could recommend, please share the details with us.

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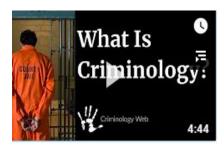
Becoming an Outstanding Criminologist- Preparation Work

To help you develop the skills that you need for this higher level of study and to prepare you for the demands of this course we have designed the following tasks for you. Some of the activities you are required to complete so that you begin to build the foundations necessary to succeed in this course. These activities will have a red R by them to alert you to the fact that they are **required**. Other activities are there to develop your awareness of this discipline further still and hopefully, will ignite your fascination with the many aspects involved in studying Criminology. These activities will be prefixed with the letters **Ex.** as they are not compulsory and are **extra** to what you **must** do.

R Task 1: What is Criminology:

Watch the following clip and jot down 5 things that tell you what Criminology is.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tdagqIFQdTE



R Task 2: Key concepts

Understanding and using key concepts accurately is essential to writing as a Criminologist. Below is a list of some of the terms you will be using in your studies. You will add lots more throughout our two years together.

Instructions:

 Define each key concept, clearly. Where appropriate, please provide an example.

Key Concept	Definition
Barrister	
Covert surveillance	
Crime	
Criminal courts	
Crown prosecution	
service	
Cultural norms	
Cybercrimes	

Deterrent	
Deviance	
Domestic violence	
Entrapment	
Hate crimes	
Honey trap	
Honour crimes	
Judiciary	
Jury	
Legal Aid	
Manslaughter	
Moral panic	
Murder	
Punishment	
Probation	
Recidivism	
Remand	
Reparation	
Rehabilitation	
Restorative justice	
Retribution	
The ripple effect (of	
crimes)	
Sanctions	
Sentencing	
Solicitor	
Victimless crime	
White-collar crime	

R Task 3: Crime Fact-Files

This second activity is designed to develop your knowledge of crime and criminal processes, as well as your ability to research, summarise, analyse and evaluate, all of which are crucial skills for a Criminologist.

Instructions:

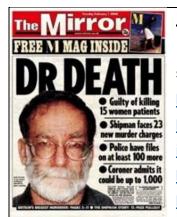
For each crime/criminal below, carry out research and create a fact file that includes the following information:

- References of where your information is from (E.G. the name of the website, book, newspaper etc.)
- The perpetrator(s)
- Victim(s)
- The crime committed

- Details of their trial
- Details of their sentence- do you think it was fair? Why? Why not?
- Information about their background that might help explain their criminal behaviour. For example, role models, illness, education, childhood, poverty etc.
- Think about how you will set this out and record your findings. You may
 choose to use a table such as the one below. You may decide to write in
 paragraphs and use headings and subheadings to organise your work.

Exemplar layout:

Perpetrator	
Victims	
Crime	
Trial	
Sentence- do you agree?	
Why? Why not?	
Background- why do you	
think they committed this	
crime?	
References	



<u>Fact file 1:</u> Harold Shipman (serial killer, also known as Doctor Death) For this first study, I have given you some references to help get you started.

https://www.biography.com/crime-figure/harold-shipman
https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/shipmans-youngest-victim-identified-as-four-year-old-girl-murdered-in-hospital-488490.html
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3-KVuVjmjmU
https://www.theguardian.com/shipman/subsectionmenu/0,,191253,00.html



<u>Fact file 2:</u> Rick Ross (Freeway, drug trafficker)

I have given you less for this one and the final two you must research independently:

https://www.blackpast.org/african-american-history/freeway-rick-ross-1960/ https://www.independent.co.uk/news/people/news/rapper-rick-ross-wins-10-million-

<u>court-battle-against-former-drug-kingpin-to-keep-his-name-9034861.html</u> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-KWAdwumLH4



Fact file 3: Ian Brady and Myra Hindley (the Moors Murders)



Fact file 4: The Graff Diamond Heist

R Task 4: Analysing the crimes/criminals

For this next task, we would like you to reflect on the crimes and criminals that you have researched and write a mini essay in which you discuss:

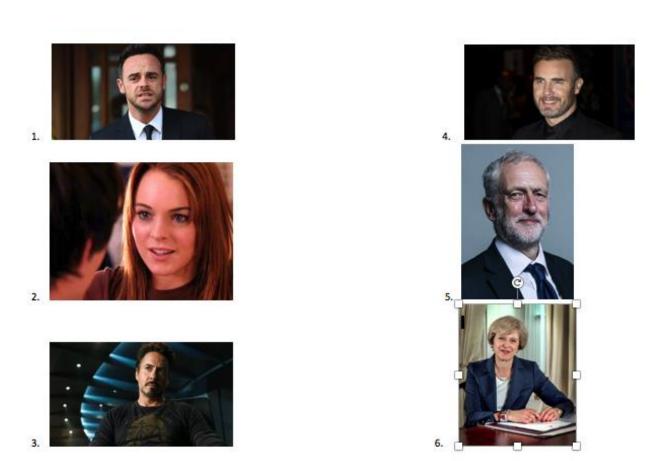
- The strengths and limitations of how the cases were investigated
- The strengths and limitations of any evidence used to convict the perpetrators
- Any similarities or obvious differences in the perpetrators' backgrounds and motives for committing their crimes
- Any similarities or differences on sentencing and your views on this
- And finally, who do you think deserved the harshest punishment and why?

R Task 5: Famous people and criminal activity:

Below are several people who have committed crimes in the UK and abroad. Your task is to match the crime to the celebrity

A. Trespassing and damage of property leading to loss of owner's income

- B. Arrested for possession and being under the influence of drugs, possession of an unloaded gun and trespassing
- C. Arrested for protesting outside the South African embassy against unfair treatment of Black people in South Africa
- D. Arrested for assault, driving under the influence of drugs, driving whilst license was suspended
- E. Avoiding paying £20 million in tax that would help to pay for the NHS, Welfare and Schools in this country
- F. Driving under the influence of alcohol and causing a collision injuring two other people



Ex: Once you have identified which celebrity committed the crimes, research their punishments.

Using the internet – find out their punishments:

- 1. Ant McPartlin
- 2. Gary Barlow
- 3. Lindsay Lohan
- 4. Jeremy Corbyn
- 5. Robert Downey Jnr
- 6. Theresa May

Do you think the punishments match up to the crime they committed? Yes/no and why

Ex Task 6: Hate Crime

Since the public vote on <u>BREXIT</u> there has been a marked increase in this type of crime. Using the sources below and any others you feel are appropriate answer the questions below:

http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/brexit-hate-crime-racism-stats-spike-police-england-wales-eu-referendum-a7126706.html

https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/crime-info/types-crime/hate-crime

http://www.stophateuk.org/

http://www.lgbthatecrime.org.uk/

- 2. What is hate crime?
- 3. Who are the potential victims?
- 4. Find two examples of <u>real victims</u> of hate crime and write a summary of each case
- 5. Find 2 examples of support groups who help victims of hate crime and outline their aims and objectives
- Watch the following documentary on you tube (BBC3 The Ugly Face of Disability – Hate Crime) and summarise the main points.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B03jduD9N5o&safe=active

Ex Below is a list of books and films/ TV series that we recommend. As you already have an interest into the criminal mind, these books and films might be a great addition to your summer.

Reading List: Criminology

- 1984 George Orwell
- Folk Devils and Moral Panics Stanley Cohen
- A Glasgow Gang Observed Patrick James
- Gang Leader for A Day Sudhir Venkatesh
- Fake Law The Secret Barrister
- Traces: Memoir of a Forensic Scientist and Criminal Investigator Patricia Wiltshire
- My Life with Murderers David Wilson
- A wide range of newspapers including The Guardian and Independent

Viewing List: Criminology

- Any documentaries, including Panorama, Louis Theroux, Stacey Dooley, Mind of a Murderer etc
- Black Mirror series (Netflix)
- Goodfellas
- The Godfather (part 2 is the best)
- Legend
- McMafia (previously BBC i-player)
- Freedom Writer's Diary
- Dangerous Minds
- Chernobyl (drama)
- When They See Us (Netflix)
- The Society (Netflix)
- Blood Diamond
- Ted Talks/Crime/Criminal Justice
- Orange is the New Black (Netflix)
- The Innocence Files (Netflix)
- Cold Case Files (Netflix)
- I Am A Killer (Netflix)
- When They See Us Now Oprah Winfrey (Netflix)
- The Stanford Prison Experiment (YouTube)
- The Push Derren Brown (Netflix)
- Macintyre Undercover: The Chelsea Head-hunters (YouTube)
- The Shawshank Redemption
- The Green Mile

Preparations for September:

Shopping list:

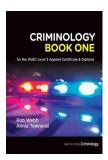
- 1. An A4 book of lined paper that can be easily torn out and added to your folder you will be given an exercise book but these will be for your assessments only.
- 2. Black pens
- 3. Green pens (for improvement to work)
- 4. Red pens
- 5. Coloured pens and highlighters
- 6. Pencil case
- 7. A4 lever arch folder a sturdy one

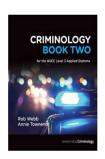
You might also find some of these websites useful for your studies:

https://revisesociology.com/tag/criminology/

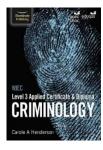
https://criminology.uk.net/

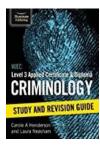
If you would like to get prepared and do some pre-reading, we would recommend the following textbooks:





by Rob Webb published by Napier Press





by Carole Henderson Published by Illuminate