



Sixth Form Preparation for Success

Welcome to Criminology

WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology, 601/6248/X



Introduction

An understanding of criminology is relevant to many job roles within the criminal justice sector, social and probation work and sociology and psychology.

WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology is a qualification with elements of psychology, law and sociology that complements studies in humanities.

Criminology is the scientific study of crime, including looking at the causes of crime, how crime is measured and investigate, and how crime can be prevented in society. This course is designed to give you an overview of the study of Criminology and is ideal for those studying social sciences and humanities subjects, as well as those planning to work in the criminal justice system. Assessment on the 2-year course involves two Controlled assessments and two exams.

This activity pack is designed to give you a taster of the course and build up the skills you need to be successful.

Part I – Y11 into 12 Criminology Specific Bridging Work To be completed May – Sept

Remember that prizes will be awarded for 'exceptional' work that demonstrates effort above expected !

a) Investigate places of interest

There are many place of interest you could visit to gain some understanding of the criminal justice system. If possible, before September you could consider visiting any of the places listed below to find out more about Criminology and Criminal Justice:

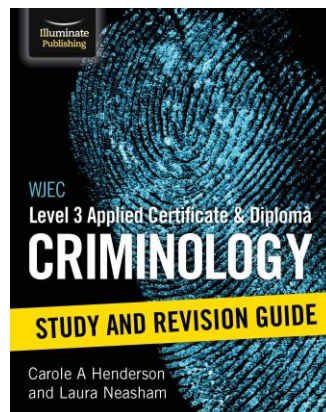
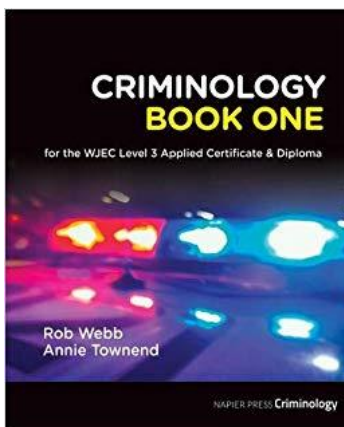
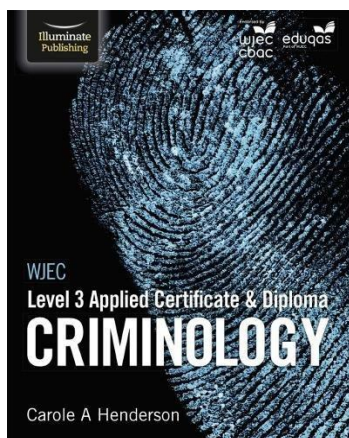
- Visit the Supreme Court buildings in London
<https://www.supremecourt.uk/visiting/open-days-and-open-house-london-weekend.html>
- Visit the National Justice Museum in Nottingham
<https://www.nationaljusticemuseum.org.uk/about-us/>
- Visit a historical prison site to find out more about the history of prison life
<https://www.jailhousetours.com/> or
<https://www.oxfordcastleandprison.co.uk/about/news/top-5-prisons-open-visitors/>

If travel restrictions and social distancing measures remain in place throughout the summer, or you are unable to travel for other reasons, try one of the virtual tours below instead:

- A virtual tour of the Supreme Court in London <https://www.supremecourt.uk/visiting/360-degree-virtual-tour.html>
- A video tour of the Royal Courts of Justice <https://www.judiciary.uk/you-and-the-judiciary/going-to-court/high-court/the-rolls-building/virtual-tour/>
- A photo tour of a police custody suite in Lincoln <https://thelincolnite.co.uk/2020/03/see-inside-custody-suite-at-lincolns-21m-blue-light-campus/>
- A video tour of the custody suite in a police station in Essex https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BhC7s5RS_7I
- Have a look at some free online resources from the Museum of Justice in Nottingham <https://www.nationaljusticemuseum.org.uk/education/free-resources/>
- Take a virtual tour of North Allerton prison <http://www.vue3sixty.co.uk/hambleton/northallertonprison.html> or watch the video guided tour https://www.hambleton.gov.uk/prison/homepage/5/virtual_tours

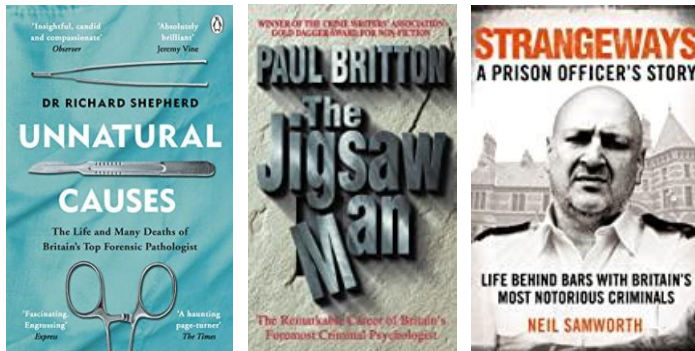
b) Wider reading

Text books and resource packs will be available for use in class, but if you want to be able to use these materials at home it would be a good idea to invest in your own text book or revision guide to support your learning. You will be expected to do a significant amount of learning at home as well as in class, so having your own book/s will definitely help support you, but it is not a course requirement. Below are a few examples that would be suitable to help you get started and do well on the course:



You don't have to read a textbook to find something relevant to the course. Below are some ideas for other books and places to look for relevant material:

- Watch some TED talks on Crime <https://www.ted.com/topics/crime>
- Regularly read the news for updates on what is happening <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/topics/cldy2dmy748t/crime> or <https://www.theguardian.com/uk/ukcrime>
- Read the British Society for Criminology Blog <https://thebscblog.wordpress.com/>
- Or find a true (try and stick to British) crime book such as one of the ones below:



c) Compulsory task

Becoming an A Level student means you will need to develop the learning skills you used for GCSE to become successful at a higher level. There are 4 key skills you will need to work on to be successful in Criminology:

1. Independent learning
2. Self-motivation
3. Organisation
4. Effective note-taking

We are going to start by working on #3 and #4 because they will give you an excellent start to the course.

Task 1:

First you are going to set up your 'learning kit' for September. You will need AT LEAST:

- A large lever-arch folder
- A pack of folder dividers (5 is enough)

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- An A4 book of lined paper that can easily be torn out and added into your folder
OR a pack of loose A4 lined paper to keep in your folder
 - Black pens for assessments
 - Coloured pens and highlighters for note-taking
 - A pencil case to keep your pens in

You should bring all of this to your first lesson and be ready to go from day 1!

Task 2:

Watch the following video on Cornell note-taking:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WtW9lyE04OQ>

Make your own page of Cornell notes using the instructions from the video, with the title 'How to take Cornell notes'.

Once you have got your head around how to take these style of notes, complete task 3 below.

Task 3:

One type of crime that we will be studying is **Hate Crime**. The activities below should be completed and added into your folder and brought in with you to your first Criminology lesson.

1. Define what is meant by 'hate crime', including at least one example of a hate crime. You should also find out who the likely offenders and victims might be, and any figures about how much hate crime is reported in the UK.
2. Can you explain reasons why victims and witnesses who experience hate crime may not report it to the police?
3. One consequence of not reporting hate crime is that the statistics the police report about how much hate crime there is in society will be inaccurate. Find out what is meant by the 'dark figure of crime' and write your own definition. Link this to what you have learned about hate crime if you can.

The following resources might help you answer the questions above:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-50054915>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-49509301>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nzRlmvCkbls>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V2mFZThUJMg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Z1pOEjajaY>

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4. The charity 'Changing Faces' has launched a campaign called '#VisibleHate: together we can stop it' to tackle hate crime aimed at people with physical disfigurements. Research the campaign using the following links (you could also do your own research online) and summarise the following things:
- What is the aim of the campaign?
 - What different types of media do they use to get their message across to the public?
 - How effective do you think the campaign is in tackling hate crime in society?

<https://www.changingfaces.org.uk/campaign/visiblehate>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YfOGqSQNCOo&t=1s>

<https://twitter.com/hashtag/visiblehate>

<https://www.changingfaces.org.uk/quarter-people-disfigurement-victim-hate-crime>

<https://www.changingfaces.org.uk/phil-visible-hate>

d) Stretch!

If you are seriously interested in Criminology, and/or you are considering studying Criminology or something similar at university, you might like to think about doing some independent learning in the style of university level study.

The links below will take you to online learning opportunities where there are mini courses you can take in Criminology or related subjects. These would be a really good way to develop your independent learning skills as well as give you some good 'pre-learning' to help you on the course.

The Meaning of Crime <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/society-politics-law/sociology/the-meaning-crime/content-section-0?active-tab=description-tab>

Forensic Psychology

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/health-sports-psychology/forensic-psychology/content-section-overview-0?active-tab=description-tab>

The problem with crime

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/society-politics-law/sociology/the-problem-crime/content-section-0?active-tab=description-tab>

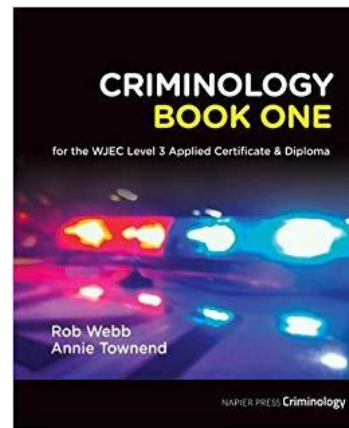
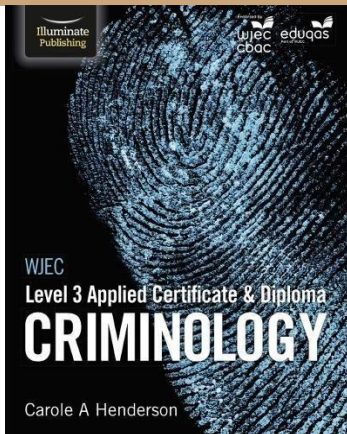
The technology of crime control

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/society-politics-law/sociology/the-technology-crime-control/content-section-0?active-tab=description-tab>

Part II - Year 12 Head Start! for completion June – September

- a) The Specification for the WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Criminology can be found by following the link [here](#). You should make yourself familiar with the content of the specification for each unit, and look at how each unit is assessed.
- b) The scheme of learning for Term 1, September to January, is available by following the link [here](#). Make sure you have a look to see exactly what will be covered in the first unit of the course.
- c) As a department we will deliver the content with you in class by looking at each Assessment Criteria in preparation for your first controlled assessment in Year 12. As preparation, and so you can see some of the teaching and learning methods we will use, you can access the Unit 1 folder on the following link [here](#).
- d) Text books and resource packs will be available for use in class, but if you want to be able to use these materials at home it would be a good idea to invest in your own text book or revision guide to support your learning.

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The class textbooks we use are the book on the right hand side by Napier Press (Criminology Book One). The Napier Press website offers a free student workbook to accompany their text book which is useful for study at home. You can access the workbook on the link [here](#).

- e) In the Bridging work set for Criminology there are a number of suggestions for additional reading and learning activities such as online courses to give you a head start in studying Criminology. You should start watching or reading a reputable news source such as the BBC or Guardian regularly to find out what is happening in the world. Crime is big news, and this is a huge part of what we study in Unit 1. The more you know about different types of crimes and how these crimes are reported in the media is important. You should also try to watch a variety of TV shows, films and types of music where crime features as this will help you understand some of the content of Unit 1 as well.

Good luck over the summer holiday and we look forward to meeting you in September.