

KS5 Subject:

**Criminology**

## Objectives for Transition Tasks:

- To start to develop expected 6<sup>th</sup> form study skills, including independence
- To culture an interest and passion for your chosen subject through enquiry
- To learn core concepts of the subject to use in your studies

## Watch:

- Any documentaries, including Panorama, Louis Theroux, Stacey Dooley and Mind of a Murderer
- Black Mirror series (Netflix)
- Goodfellas
- The Godfather (part 2 is the best)
- Dangerous Minds
- Chernobyl (drama)
- When They See Us (Netflix)
- Ted Talks/Crime/Criminal Justice
- Orange is the New Black (Netflix)
- The Innocence Files (Netflix)
- I Am A Killer (Netflix)
- When They See Us Now – Oprah Winfrey (Netflix)
- The Shawshank Redemption
- The Green Mile



## Read:

- 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 tabloids like The Sun and Daily Mail and The Guardian and Daily Telegraph

The course specification:

<https://www.wjec.co.uk/media/21xjkr24/applied-diploma-in-criminology-specification-from-2015.pdf>

## Independent Task (to be submitted):

[https://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/criminology-level-3/#tab\\_keydocuments](https://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/criminology-level-3/#tab_keydocuments)

### Task 1

Read the specification carefully and on a separate piece of paper make a note the sections there are to each Unit e.g. AC1.1 – Analyse different types of crime

Unit 1: Changing Awareness of Crime

Unit 2: Criminological Theories

Unit 3: Crime Scene to Courtroom.

Unit 4: Crime and Punishment in Society

### Task 2

Research the childhood backgrounds of any notorious serial murderers such as Fred West or Harold Shipman. The focus should be on life history and not subsequent crimes. Thinking about what you have read about Nature and Nurture, which explanation could account for their criminal behaviour?

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

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





## Aim Higher Task:

Read the 'Nature vs Nurture – The Big Debate' information below and complete the Essay.



### **Nature vs Nurture – The Big Debate**

There are many ways of explaining why certain people do things in certain ways. For example, biologists think that people behave as they do because they are controlled by nature. This is known as **Nature theory**. Humans are compared to animals and seen to act on **instinct**.

Sociologists believe that people behave as they do because they are taught how to behave. For example, the sociologist Michael Haralambos states, 'Human beings learn their behaviour and use their intelligence whereas animals simply act on instinct.' This is known as **Nurture theory**. Nurture means the way you are brought up. It is also a reference to **socialisation**, the lifelong process by which we learn our culture, values, norms and how to behave.

This essay is designed to allow you to demonstrate your understanding and writing skills. Your essay should be 500 words and handwritten.

### **Essay title:**

To what extent did childhood experiences either indicate developing problems or appear to contribute to the later offending behaviour?

You will need to select a criminal to write about and pay particular attention to what you have read about nature and nurture. Further research will also be required.

Your essay should have:

- Clear paragraphs, an introduction and conclusion
- Accurate spelling, punctuation and full sentences
- Correct use of grammar
- Accurate phrasing
- A discussion of BOTH nature and nurture, explaining which theory best suits the behaviour of the criminal you have chosen to write about.

**DEADLINE FOR TRANSITION TASK:** Please bring to your first lesson in September.