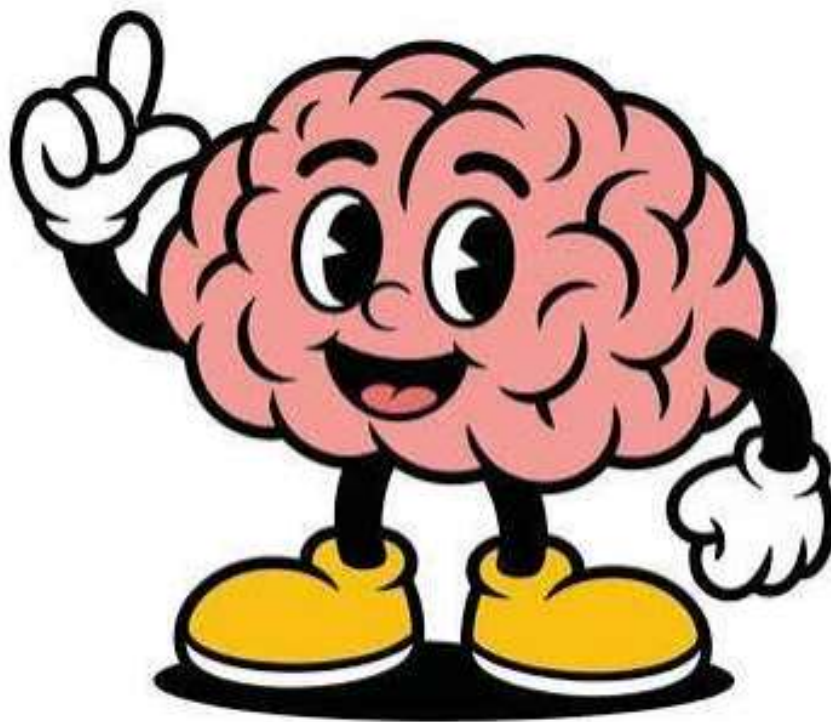


Level 3 Criminology Introduction Summer Project 2026



This research-based project is designed to give you an ideal grounding for your Level 3 Diploma in Criminology course.

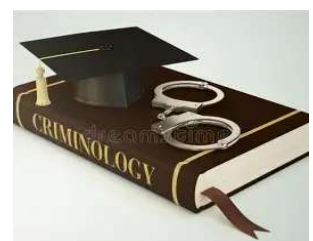
Research and complete the tasks independently over the summer to get a head start and prepare for the key topics within the course.

Present the tasks in any format you like and bring it with you to your first lesson after the summer.



Good luck and Enjoy ☺

Mrs Pasco





The WJEC Course

50% Controlled Assessment 50% Exam - 2 of each in Year 12 and 13

Unit 1 – Changing Awareness of Crime

Types of crime
Unreported crime
Media used in campaigns
Creating your own campaign
CONTROLLED ASSESSMENT

Unit 2 – Criminological Theories

Biological explanations
Psychological explanations
Sociological explanations
EXAM

Unit 3 – From Crime Scene to Courtroom

Investigative techniques
Rights of individuals
Rules of evidence
CONTROLLED ASSESSMENT

Unit 3 – Crime and Punishment

The lawmaking processes
Models of justice
Aims and forms of punishment
EXAM





Task 1, Unit 1: Changing awareness of crime

Types of Crime

We can't possibly look at all types of crime but use this research task to find out a little more about the crimes listed.

Consider, research and explain ...

1. **White collar crime**
2. **Honour crime**
3. **State crime**

For each type of crime, consider:

- 1) Who are the typical offenders and who are the typical victims?
- 2) Do we know much about this type of crime? Why/why not?
- 3) What examples of offences can you find?

Now think about and explain:

- 1) What might be the reasons that people don't report these sorts of crimes?
- 2) What are the consequences of not reporting crimes?

Now research the following campaigns and consider how they try to persuade and inform to raise awareness:

- 1) Save the donkey
- 2) Water Aid
- 3) Children in Need



Task 2, Unit 2: Criminological theories



What's the difference between crime and deviance?

Did you know that there are two definitions of crime?

Find out the **legal** and the **social** definition of crime.

Give an example of a crime.

What is deviance?

Give an example of deviance.

How are crime and deviance different?



The Nature v Nurture debate ...



Are we born criminal or do we learn from our environment?

Research and produce a fact sheet on two key studies:

- 1) Lombroso's 'born criminal' theory.
- 2) Bandura's Social Learning Theory

Task 3, Unit 3: From Crime Scene to Courtroom

Who are the people involved in a crime scene?
What do they do?



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Research Task:

Produce a factsheet for the 4 main personnel involved in processing a crime scene:

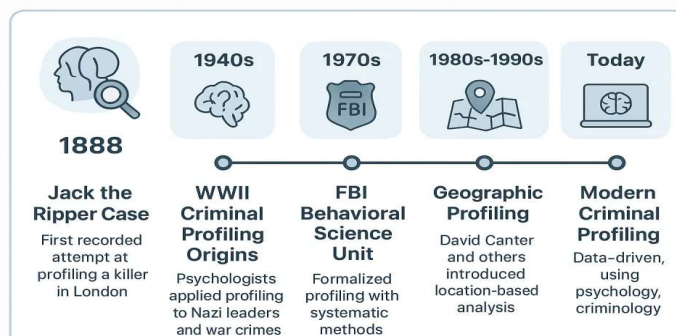
- Police
- CSI/SOCOs
- Forensic specialists
- Pathologists

Techniques of Investigation



Consider, research and explain techniques such as forensics, profiling, databases, interviews and surveillance.

History of Criminal Profiling



Task 4, Unit 4: Crime and Punishment

Does prison work?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zNpehw-Yjvs>

Watch the video and consider the differences between the prison system in England and Wales and that of Norway.

Which do you think has the best results?

How might some people criticise the Norwegian prison system?

How is the law made? Research Task ...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g5CJNLRqZXs>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bt3lRcgdGIQ>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7osPH9oG_g

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pU_xc31DUCM

<https://bills.parliament.uk/>

Law in the UK is made in two ways:

1. Through the Parliamentary process
2. Through the judicial process

Watch the videos to find out more and then visit the UK

Parliamentary Bills link to see what laws are currently passing through Parliament and what stage they are at.

Fun Task: Match the crime to the famous person

Famous Faces



Crime

- 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

Useful Resources & Further Reading

To help you on your way...

Websites:

- **WJEC Level 3 Criminology** – The exam board website includes the specification and past papers and mark schemes
- **Tutor2u** – Contains lots of free resources and videos on topics within Criminology

Equipment list:

Please make sure you have all of this equipment ready for our first lesson!

- A4 Ring binder folder
- Plastic wallets
- File organisers
- Pencil case including:
- Pens, pencils, highlighters, ruler, calculator, glue stick and colours

Extra reading:

- **Criminology** – Tim Newburn
- **Mapping Murder** – David Canter
- **My Life with Murderers** – David Wilson

Go one step further:

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

Watch the video and list 5 things that you have learned about Criminology.



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