

Level 3 Criminology



Transition Pack 2020

Criminology: the scientific study of
crime and criminals

You are required to complete ALL of the activities in this transition pack for submission in the first week of the new academic year. It will develop your thinking skills and vastly expand your knowledge of what criminology is

Dear Criminology Student

You have chosen a subject that combines elements of psychology, law and sociology and that complements studies in humanities. Each unit has an applied purpose which demands that learning is related to authentic case studies – this is the interesting bit! It will certainly ‘keep you on your toes’ and make you think in ways you couldn’t imagine. You will certainly have a very different outlook on society by the end of your course.

In this transition pack there are 5 tasks that we would like you to complete, these will be of benefit to you when you start the course. If you have any questions please feel free to email: ag@oakbank.org.uk or yd@oakbank.org.uk.

All work should be completed in your booklet where possible or on lined paper/Word document and should be brought with you to your first lesson of Criminology in the new school year. Do not rush it. We advise that you complete different parts of the transition pack at different points in the Summer holiday, rather than leaving it all until the final week of your break.

Course Overview

This is a two-year course. Units 1 & 2 completed in the first year comprise an 8-hour Controlled Assessment plus a formal examination. This is replicated in Year 2 with Units 3 & 4. You must complete and pass ALL units to gain the Diploma. The overall grades are awarded on a scale A*-E.

Unit 1: Changing Awareness of Crime (Controlled Assessment)

Unit 2: Criminological Theories (Exam)

Unit 3: Crime Scene to Courtroom (Controlled Assessment)

Unit 4: Crime and Punishment (Exam)

Expectations of the course:

- Lessons consist of taking notes, group discussions, watching relevant DVDs/documentaries, group work and PowerPoint presentations.
- Homework consists of note making, wider reading, research, past exam questions, power points and essays. It is expected that about 5 hours a week will be spent on Criminology homework.
- The Reading and Watching List on the following page will help you to gain wider knowledge and a broader framework in which to apply your knowledge.
- Your progress will be reviewed on a regular basis. The review process will provide feedback at specific times throughout the year. You will also be expected to be within two grades of your target grade on each piece of work.
- You are expected to use the resources available to you in the library and common room here and are strongly encouraged to use libraries outside of school, not just the internet.
- Your folders of notes will be checked on a regular basis to see if you are organised and up to date with your work.
- **USE YOUR STUDY TIME AND BE PRO-ACTIVE.**

TASK 1: Criminal fact file

Below are a list of victims and offenders for you to research:



Figure 3 Bernie Maddoff



Figure 2 Gary Dobson & David Norris



Figure 5 Shafiea Ahmed



Figure 4 Jimmy Carr



Figure 6 Robert Thompson and Jon Venables



Figure 7 Billy Dunlop

Write a fact file for each (**Make sure you keep these for Year 12 they will be very useful!**) which should include the following information:

1. Their crimes or crime that has been committed against them and victims
2. Details of the crime committed – what type of crime was committed tax fraud or murder etc.
3. Details of their sentence if there was any
4. Information about their background which might explain their criminal behaviour such as head injuries, mental illness, childhood abuse

Task 2: Types of Crime

Research the following types of crime. You need to understand the definition of the type of crime, the typical offender and the typical victim.

1. State Crime

Definition _____

Typical Offender _____

Typical Victim _____

Example _____

2. White Collar Crime

Definition _____

Typical Offender _____

Typical Victim _____

Example _____

3. Moral Crime

Definition _____

Typical Offender _____

Typical Victim _____

Example _____

4. Technological Crime

Definition _____

Typical Offender _____

Typical Victim _____

Example _____

5. Hate Crime

Definition _____

Typical Offender _____

Typical Victim _____

Example _____

Task 3 - Eye Witness Testimony

Take the Eye Witness Testimony test.

Watch the video. When it tells you to pause, write down what you remember about the criminal.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c6eknHXGM0c>

Description: Gender:

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Hair colour and length:

Clothing:

Anything else significant:

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Were you right? Yes/ No / Some features were correct.

Now look at how the unreliability of eye witness testimony can affect real cases.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u-SBTRLoPuo>

Write a summary of issues with eye witness testimony below:

Task 4 - Key Words

Find out what the following key words mean.

<u>Key Term</u>	<u>Definition</u>
Criminology	
Crime Social Definition Legal Definition	
Deviance	
Genocide	
Decriminalisation	
Moral Panic	
Norms	
Civil Liberties	
Statute	
Miscarriage of justice	