



## WJEC Level Applied Diploma in Criminology

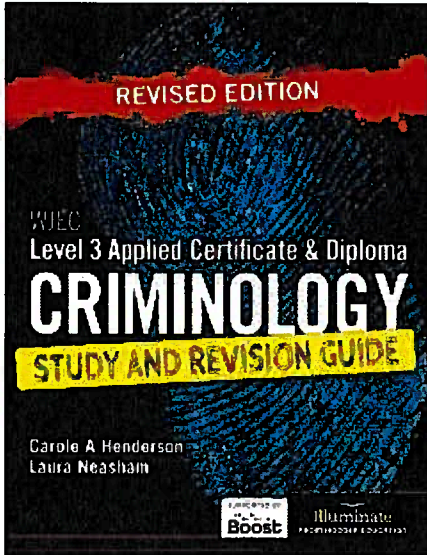
**PLEASE PHYSICALLY HAND IN FIRST LESSON IN SEPT**

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### 6<sup>th</sup> Form Transition Pack

<b>QUALIFICATION</b>	<b>Applied Certificate/Diploma in Criminology</b>
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Recommended online learning	<a href="https://revisesociology.com/tag/criminology/">https://revisesociology.com/tag/criminology/</a> <a href="https://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/criminology-level-3/#tab_keydocuments">https://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/criminology-level-3/#tab_keydocuments</a>
Revision Guide that could be useful)	<p>by Carole Henderson Published by Illuminate</p> 

Please complete the weekly activities in this booklet in readiness to begin your studies in September.. Sixth Form study is hard work and there are no short cuts. Commitment to your studies is essential. There is no reason why you should not get a Distinction in this course if you have applied yourself enough.

Good Luck!

### **Welcome to Applied Criminology!**

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.

Please be aware that the course covers all types of crime and this can cause some upset if students have some past trauma. We discuss why victims of crime may not report certain crimes for example as part of the curriculum. We will support any students who require assistance but it is good to bear in mind.

## **Overview of the course:**

This is a two-year course. Units 1 and 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 and 4. You must **complete and pass ALL units** to gain the Diploma. The overall grades will be recorded 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)

Look at the specification for more detail about these topics. You can find this at: [Level 3 Criminology \(wjec.co.uk\)](#)

You will be expected to **know and understand** the information covered, to be able to **apply** that knowledge and understanding and to be able to **analyse and evaluate** that knowledge and understanding.

## **Expectations of the course:**

- Lessons consist of taking notes, group discussions, watching relevant DVDs/documentaries, group work and PowerPoint presentations.
- Homework consists of activities, 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 some of which will be in lesson time.
- Your progress will be reviewed on a regular basis. The review process will provide feedback at specific times throughout the year.
- You are expected to use the resources available on our 6th form classroom page but you will need to go further and deeper on your own initiative.
- Your notes will be checked on a regular basis to see if you are organised and up to date with your work. This is especially vital for Units 1 and 3 where you are allowed your folder with you for the controlled assessments. **IF YOUR NOTES ARE NOT DETAILED ENOUGH YOU WILL FAIL THESE UNITS - JUST TO GET A PASS YOU NEED OVER 50%**
- **USE YOUR STUDY TIME AND BE PRO-ACTIVE.**

**Task 1**

Tell me about yourself!

Why are you taking Criminology? Please also tell me what you are expecting from this course and what other subjects you are taking.

I know it seems a long time away, but if you have any ideas what you'd like to do after sixth form – uni/job/apprenticeship – please tell me about that too. Don't worry if you're still not sure!

Finally this is your chance to tell me anything you want me to know. Any issues you think may stop you from fully engaging in lessons, any strengths or weaknesses spring to mind.

Looking forward to hearing from you

**Task 2**

Read the specification carefully and make a note below of the sections there are to each unit:

[Level 3 Criminology \(wjec.co.uk\)](http://wjec.co.uk)

Changing Awareness of Crime

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Criminological Theories

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**Crime Scene to Courtroom**

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**Crime and Punishment in Society**

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**Task 3**

Watch List - Criminology - watch as much as you can give me you

*feedback on what you liked and why.*

- Any documentaries, 24 Hours in Police Custody\*, The Real CSI\*, Panorama, Louis Theroux\*, Stacey Dooley, Mind of a Murderer etc (\*recommended)
- Top Boy
- The Fall
- Legend
- McMafia (previously BBC i-player)
- Dangerous Minds
- When They See Us (Netflix)
- Ted Talks/Crime/Criminal Justice\*
- Orange is the New Black (Netflix)
- The Innocence Files (Netflix)
- Cold Case Files (Netflix)
- I Am A Killer (Netflix)
- The Stanford Prison Experiment (Youtube)\*
- The Push – Derren Brown
- MacIntyre Undercover: The Chelsea Headhunters (Youtube)
- The Shawshank Redemption\*
- The Green Mile
- Luther
- Your Honour

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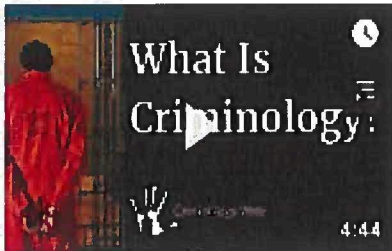
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Task 4

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

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



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Task 5

**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 behavior 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”.

Are criminals born “bad” or does our environment we grow and live in create the right conditions for criminality ?

