

CRIMINOLOGY TRANSITION WORK

SUMMER TASK FOR STUDENTS STARTING SEPTEMBER 2024

We look forward to seeing you in our Social Sciences Department this September!

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING TASK:

Welcome to Criminology!

What you can read:

- 'Criminology' by Tim Newburn
- 'My Life with Murderers' by David Wilson

What you can watch:

You will never be short of things to watch that can link to the criminology course! Below are a few suggestions to get you started:

- *MinistryofJusticeUK YouTube Channel*
<https://www.youtube.com/user/MinistryofJusticeUK>
- *Shannon Matthews: The Family's Story*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dTBtjxBSMbc>
- *Stephen Lawrence: Justice for a murdered son*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cFGY7URgPd4>
- *BBC iPlayer has a 'Crime and Justice Documentaries' section*
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/group/p06886ny>
- *Any real-life crime documentary on Netflix will have links to the course!*

What you can research:

The following real-life cases are used throughout the course so researching the key facts and events of these will help:

- The Murder of Meredith Kircher (Amanda Knox)
- The Stephen Lawrence case
- The Jeremy Bamber Case
- The Murder of Sarah Payne
- The wrongful conviction of Sally Clark

Activities to do during Summer to be handed in for September:

Activity/task - First, research a crime that is underreported in the UK (e.g. domestic violence, hate crime) Plan and design a campaign poster to raise awareness of this crime amongst the general public. You could include; a name for your campaign, a slogan/logo, an information poster/leaflet including images and statistics.

How this links to your course - *Unit 1: Changing awareness of crime.*

A significant part of this Unit requires you to plan (e.g. thinking about target audience, finances, methods and materials, timescales) your own campaign for change. You need to design and create this campaign (e.g. produce a leaflet/poster, design a t-shirt or hoodie).

Activity/task - Research biological theories - Lombroso or Sheldon - why people commit crime

How this links to your course - *Unit 2: Criminological Theories.*

Unit 2 is all about looking at a range of theories that try to explain why people commit crime. We then evaluate these theories by looking at their strengths and weaknesses. Produce a mind map or drawing to showing understanding of the theory.