

Step up to A-Level Criminology

This is a menu of tasks to help you get ready to study Criminology at A Level. Try to choose a 'balanced diet' of activities each week to ensure variety in your learning. Keep your completed work organised in a folder so that you can submit your transition work during your first Criminology lesson.



Short Video Clips (less than 10 minutes)

Each of these clips offers context for the course. Write down any key details they reveal or inferences you can make from them. List questions the clips raise that you would like to understand more about (aim for 3)?

Insight into forensics

[Explore Forensics – Forensic Science for Beginners](#)



Crime scene analysis

[\(7\) Introduction to Crime Scenes - YouTube](#)



Inside the courtroom

[Bing Videos](#)



Longer Video Clips, Films or Documentaries

These videos will get you thinking even more about criminology issues. Select one video, record the key points of context or information that you found significant, alongside 5 subsequent questions that the video has spawned.

The making of a juvenile delinquent

[\(7\) The Making of a Juvenile Delinquent | Byron Williams | TEDxDanielHandHS - YouTube](#)



Arthur Shawcross

[Bing Videos](#)



Are prisons working?

[\(7\) Uncaged: From Prison to Purpose | Michael Maisey | TEDxKingstonUponThames - YouTube](#)



Programmes and Podcasts

There is a huge array of criminology radio programmes and podcasts available. If you do not have a podcast app, or cannot sign in to BBC Sounds, this would be your first thing to remedy. Below are a few stretching and informative programmes for you to enjoy. Make notes on ½ page of A4 about what you have learnt about the topic of each programme and which opinions you agree with and why.

Bad People

[BBC Sounds - Bad People - Available Episodes](#)



Murder they wrote

[BBC Radio 5 Live - Murder They Wrote with Laura Whitmore and Iain Stirling - Available now](#)



Lady killers

[BBC Radio 4 - Lady Killers with Lucy Worsley - Downloads](#)



Questions to Consider

The questions below are designed to get you thinking more broadly about some of the underlying issues within the course we study in Year 12. Choose a question and try discussing it with somebody else. Then write 500 words exploring different possible responses and explaining your own opinions.

The general public trust the police

Prison doesn't work.

What causes criminal behaviour?



Debate

Task: Read the linked page regarding a criminal case and complete the activities below.

[Criminology In The News: The Murder of Brianna Ghey | Blog | Criminology | tutor2u](#)



Why might the media have been restricted from reporting the names of Girl X and Boy Y throughout the trial?

Why were their names revealed?

Why might media reports have focused on the viewing habits and hobbies of the two accused?

What might biological theories suggest about the reasons for the murder?



Books and Other Longer Reads

These books are excellent introductions to the themes we study in Criminology. They are available to buy and download as e-books, some of them are free!

**Fixing Broken Windows:
Restoring Order and Reducing
Crime in Our Communities**
Kelling L and Coles C M

**Understanding social
control: Deviance, crime
and social order**
Martin Innes

Media Made Criminality
Reiner (2002)

