

Cardinal Griffin Catholic College

BTEC Criminology

An Introduction to BTEC Criminology

Exam Board: WJEC

Year 11-12 Transition Task

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Activity 1: Write down your ideas in the space below:

Criminology means/involves:

What does crime mean? Give 3 examples of crimes:

What does deviance mean? Give 3 examples of deviant behaviour:

Give an example of a behaviour which is both criminal and deviant:



Activity 2: Watch an episode of 24 hours in Police Custody: Channel 4 Documentary

What crimes have been committed?

Who is involved in investigation the crime? Give details on their roles.

Why do you think these crimes were committed?

How is evidence collected during the investigations?

How is the suspect treated when in custody?

What are the rules/ the process involved in charging someone with a crime?

What punishments are given to the criminal?

Why do you think this is?



Activity 3: Discussion/ Research Questions: What is a crime?

1) How would you define a crime?

2) Give examples of things which used to be crimes but are now legal?

3) Why do you think what constitutes as a crime can change over time?

4) Does what constitutes as a crime differ between countries? Why do you think this is?

5) Give examples of crimes we have currently that may become legal in the future.

6) Who do you think decides what acts become criminal?



Activity 4: What crimes exist in the UK?

Research the different types of crime in the diagram and in each box define the crime and give an example of a time that crime has occurred in the UK (or in the world if you are struggling). Ensure you give details of what happened in your example. It would also be useful to write in the box what type of person is likely to commit that type of crime and what type of person is likely to be a victim of that type of crime.

Type of Crime and Description	Example of that type of crime
White Collar Crime	
Honour Crime	
Technology Crime	
Moral Crime	
State Crime	
Crime against the person	



Activity 5: Aims of Punishment

How many different forms of punishment can you list?

What should be the aims of punishment? What would be the point of these types of punishment?

<u>Type of punishment:</u>	<u>What should be the aims of punishment? What would be the point of these types of punishment?</u>
<u>Fines</u>	
<u>Community orders</u>	
<u>Electronic tagging device</u>	
<u>Prison</u>	
<u>Death penalty</u>	

Aims of Punishment Extension: Are some forms more effective than other?
Justify your view.



Activity 6: Cases in Criminology

Within the criminology course there are some cases which you will come across over the two years. Your task is to research the cases now and know why they are important to give you a head start when we examine these cases in class. You can either research the cases using the internet or watch the links you have got next to each case.

Sara Payne and Sara's Law

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SgQjqnR-35M>

- 1) What happened to Sara?
- 2) Who was responsible for Sara's death and how was this uncovered?
- 3) What law was introduced after the investigation into her death? How did her mum campaign to allow this law to be created?
- 4) Has Sara's Law been successful? (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-25489541>)

Clare Wood and Clare's Law

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

1) What happened to Clare Wood?

2) Who was responsible for the crime and what became known about his criminal past?

3) What is Clare's Law and how does the process work?

4) Outline 4 ways in which the campaign for Clare's Law led to a change in the law.

Jimmy Savile and Operation Yewtree

- 1) Why was Jimmy Savile famous when he was alive?
- 2) What was claimed about Jimmy Savile after his death?
- 3) Why did many people not want to report that they were a victim of crime whilst he was alive?
- 4) How was Jimmy Savile able to get away with his crimes for so long?
- 5) After the case of Jimmy Savile how did society's attitudes around child abuse change?
- 6) What is operation Yewtree?

Meredith Kercher Amanda Knox

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=erla7Ley4Tw>

or Amanda Knox on Netflix:

- 1) What happened to Meredith Kercher?
- 2) How did Amanda Knox become implicated in her murder?
- 3) What evidence was used to find Amanda Knox guilty of the crime?
- 4) Why was some of this evidence not reliable?
- 5) How did the media portray Amanda Knox and what effect might this have had on the case?
- 6) What eventually happened to Amanda Knox?

Chris Halliwell and Steven Fulcher (there is also a really good ITV drama based around this case which you may like to watch. It is called A Confession and is available on the ITV player)

1) What crime did Chris Halliwell commit?

2) How did Steven Fulcher get a confession from Chris Halliwell?

3) Why was his way of getting the confession problematic?

4) Could that evidence be used at a trial? Explain your answer.

5) How was Chris Halliwell convicted instead?

6) What happened to Steve Fulcher after the case?