

Welcome to Criminology at



Introduction

Criminology is the study of all aspects of crime. The course we study here at college is a Level 3 Applied Diploma and it takes you on a journey of discovery of the different forms of crime, the roots and causes of it and how it is investigated. We also study the legal and penal systems, the roles of different personnel and how crime might be prevented.

If you are interested in crime, or you are maybe considering a career in the police, social work, the probation service, the law courts or forensics, then this course will offer you an excellent foundation.



Here, we've put together some interesting things for you to delve into as a transition before you start Sixth Form. Take a look.....

Things to watch:

1. Crimes that shook Britain: The Murder of Sarah Payne

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=sarah+payne+crimes+that+shook+britain

What was the role of:

- the family
- the community
- the newspapers and wider media
- the police in the case?



2. Shannon: The Mother of all Lies- A Panorama Special

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q_6OL4uFUw

What was the role of:

- The local community
- The press
- The police in the case?



3. The Story of Nick Leeson- the Rogue Trader

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

- What crime did Leeson commit?
- What were the consequences?
- How was he caught?



Things to do:

Visit www.police.uk and find out about the roles of these various agencies:

- The British Transport Police
- The Ministry of Defence Police
- Action Fraud
- The National Crime Agency

Choose some of these different organisations involved in crime prevention and investigate what they do:

Action Against Stalking- www.actionagainststalking.org

Stop Hate UK- www.stophateuk.org

Bullying UK- www.bullying.co.uk

Action Fraud- www.actionfraud.police.uk

Victim Support- www.victimsupport.org.uk

INQUEST- www.inquest.org.uk

Activities:

Watch ‘What is Hate Crime?’

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jvVNlIfiq8M>

- 1. Give a definition of hate crime.**
- 2. Give four examples of hate crime.**
- 3. What are the effects of it?**
- 4. How can it be reported?**
- 5. Can you think of any reasons why people might be reluctant to report hate crime to the police?**

Read the article by Dr Carolyn Cote-Lussier, “Debunking Stereotypes of Criminals” in the Law Gazette

<https://www.lawgazette.co.uk/comment-and-opinion/debunking-stereotypes-of-criminals/5053490.article>

- 1. How are criminals in the UK stereotyped?**
- 2. How does this stereotyping affect the public?**
- 3. Why would the public support harsh sentences as a result of stereotyping?**
- 4. How has this affected the prison population?**
- 5. What suggestions does the article put forward to challenge this?**

Watch Madoff Family Secrets: Stephanie’s Story

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O-XziJo4Ttc>

- 1. Why would people want to invest with Bernie Madoff?**
- 2. What was really happening?**
- 3. How did Madoff get away with his actions?**
- 4. Why did Madoff's scheme initially hit a problem?**
- 5. Who were the victims of the scheme?**

Research

On the course, we discuss lots of key terms, case studies and campaigns. See what you can find out about the following:

Key terms:

- **White collar crime**
- **Honour crime**
- **Technological crime**
- **Corporate crime**
- **State crime**

Case studies:

- **Colin Pitchfork**
- **Fred West**
- **Phineas Gage**
- **The murder of Shafiea Ahmed**

Campaigns:

- **Sarah's Law**
- **Lillian's Law**
- **Helen's Law**
- **Stonewall**
- **Campaign against double jeopardy**

Contact us

**We hope you've enjoyed investigating some aspects of crime here.
If you have any questions about the course, please do not hesitate
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