

# Longley Park Sixth Form Transition Pack

## Level 3 Diploma in Criminology



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### What will I study?

The Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology is a qualification with elements of psychology, law and sociology that complements studies in humanities. Criminology is the study of crime and criminal behaviour. You will learn about different types of crime and how perceptions of crime may differ and gain an insight into why some crimes may go unreported. You will also gain an understanding of why people commit crime and how the criminal justice system works, including the process of bringing an accused to court. You will study real life situations and cases and apply criminological theories to evaluate the effectiveness of social control and criminal justice policies.

### What can I go on to do?

Studying Level 3 Criminology will help you gain access to a wide range of higher education courses, including Criminology, Psychology, Sociology and Law. The qualification also provides students with valuable skills and understanding that can lead to a career in a number of areas, such as journalism, law, social work, probation services, education and the public services. What can I do to prepare? The resources related to criminology are vast. Here are a few links to start you off with some wider reading.

Explore Forensics <http://www.exploreforensics.co.uk/>

BBC News story <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/6224245.stm>

Crime and Deviance Channel

[http://www.sociology.org.uk/cc\\_channel\\_subscriptions.htm](http://www.sociology.org.uk/cc_channel_subscriptions.htm)

<http://www.crimlinks.com/index.htm>

<https://www.crimeandjustice.org.uk/>

### An introduction to your Level 3 Diploma in Criminology

We are really pleased that you are interested in joining us to study Criminology. This bridging unit will give you a flavour of some of the types of crime we will be looking into and some of the theories we'll be learning to apply. We hope you enjoy completing the tasks and we look forward to meeting you soon!

### What is Crime?



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In Criminology we must make a distinction between what is criminal and what is deviant. Look up the two terms and try to explain the different definitions in the box below.

When we understand the meanings of crime and deviance, we are more able to consider why society believes some crimes are worse than others.

This can also be influenced by the way crime is reflected in the media. To help prepare for the start of your Criminology course it would be great if you could have a go at the following tasks – if you can find some examples to share with the group that would be really helpful.

**Follow up tasks:**

- Look at a newspaper / news website – what types of crime are most prominent? Why do you think some crimes are reported more in newspapers than others?
- Think about Social Media – do you think social media can be used to stop crime? Could social media be used to fuel crime in some ways?
- What was the last film / TV series that you watched? Did the film / show have any reference to crime / deviance in the storyline – and if so, how were the criminals presented?
- Finally, do you think crime features in other types of entertainment such as music and video games? Can you give some examples?