

# Summer Work – Transition from Year 11 to Year 12

A Level Subject: Criminology

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Required textbook: [**WJEC Level 3 Applied Certificate & Diploma Criminology: Revised Edition Boost eBook**](https://www.illuminatepublishing.com/product/wjec-level-3-applied-certificate-diploma-criminology-revised-edition-boost-ebook)

[**https://www.illuminatepublishing.com/product-category/criminology**](https://www.illuminatepublishing.com/product-category/criminology)

Useful sources:

<https://www.tutor2u.net/criminology/latest>

<https://ithinkthereforeiteach.com/criminology/>

Specification: <https://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/criminology-level-3#tab_keydocuments>

Past Papers: <https://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/criminology-level-3#tab_pastpapers>

Equipment List:

At least 2x A4 Strong Ring binder/ Arch Lever Folders

Highlighters of various colours

Pens

Pencils

A4 Lined paper

# Tasks

**Task List — Complete at Least 5**

**Task 1: What is Crime?**

In your own words:

1. What is a crime?
2. Can you name two examples of crimes?
3. Do all crimes get reported? Why or why not?

**Extension:** Research one crime that often goes unreported (e.g., domestic abuse, fraud).

**Task 2: Famous Criminal Cases**

Research ONE well-known criminal case, such as:

* The murder of Stephen Lawrence
* The case of Harold Shipman
* The Great Train Robbery
* Any other famous case you know

Find out:

* What happened
* What crime was committed
* What the outcome was

**Extension:** Why do you think this case gained public attention?

**Task 3: Crime Key Words Hunt**

Find simple definitions for:

* Crime
* Deviance
* Victim
* Law
* Punishment
* Social Norms
* Criminal Justice System
* Sanction
* Justice
* Crime Prevention

**Extension:** Pick two words and give a real-life example for each.

**Task 4: Hidden Crime Debate — The Dark Figure of Crime**

Think about:

1. Why might some crimes never be discovered or reported?
2. How does this affect our understanding of crime in society?

**Extension:** Research one statistic on unreported crime in the UK.

**Task 5: Why Do People Commit Crime?**

In your own words, explain:

* One reason someone might turn to crime (e.g., poverty, peer pressure)
* Do you think criminals are born or made? Explain your opinion

**Extension:** Research one theory that explains why people commit crime (biological, psychological or sociological).

**Task 6: Criminology in Action — Real Crime Prevention**

Research ONE crime prevention method used today, e.g.:

* CCTV
* Neighbourhood Watch
* Police patrols
* Social media campaigns

Explain:

* What it is
* How it helps reduce crime
* One strength and one weakness of this method

**Task 7: Types of Crime**

List at least three different types of crime, e.g.:

* White collar crime
* Street crime
* Cybercrime
For each, give an example.

**Extension:** Which type of crime do you think has the biggest impact on society? Why?

**Task 8: The Role of the Media**

The media often reports on crime — in your own words:

* How does the media influence public views on crime?
* Can the media exaggerate or distort the truth? Give an example if possible.

**Extension:** Do you think media coverage of crime is always fair? Explain.

**Task 9: Quickfire Quiz**

* What is criminology?
* What is the ‘dark figure’ of crime?
* Name one reason why a crime might go unreported
* What is a sanction?
* Give one example of a famous criminal

**Extension:** Create two quiz questions of your own.

**Task 10: Your Crime Awareness Campaign**

Imagine you are creating a campaign to raise awareness of an under-reported crime. Explain:

* What crime you’ve chosen
* Why it needs more awareness
* How you would promote your campaign (posters, social media, etc.)

**Extension:** Suggest one challenge you might face with your campaign and how you’d overcome it.