

GETTING AHEAD



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Start to develop skills that are relevant to your course before you join HSDC this September!

Criminology – WJEC Diploma

What is Criminology?

Criminology is a rendezvous subject, bringing together the subjects of sociology, psychology, law and forensic science and is designed to support you in making your next step into work or university. The coursework element promotes skills such as time management, research and organisational skills and the exams process develop precise presentation of information. Studying Criminology will help you become effective and employable.

Several of our second year students have chosen to join the police force as apprentices; others have decided to study Criminology, Law or Forensics at university, feeling confident they have acquired the necessary skills to succeed.

Watch

What is Criminology	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RI883hZ468
Youth Crime Steve Case	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FsANjsMdSul

Watch the first video, which explains that to be a good Criminology student you need to Always Be Critical (ABC).

ABC: You need to always be critical of everything you read or study, meaning you have to be active in your learning. You need to question views and ideas to make sense of things. It is a mindset allowing you to really understand ideas from many perspectives.

Watch Steve Case's video about youth crime and see how he challenges society's (people's) set ideas about the problem of youth. If some of this is challenging to listen to, remember it is aimed at university level.

To help you prepare for the First Year, have a go at the following two tasks. Complete your work on a separate piece of paper. We will collect it in during the first lesson. Don't forget your name!

TOPIC ONE: The aims of punishing people

Have you ever wondered why we punish people? In Criminology we study FIVE aims of punishment. To help us understand ideas, we always look at situations in society to test them out and often find there is an example in the news.

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A man who spat at two police officers while claiming to have Coronavirus symptoms has been jailed for 12 months. Paul Leivers, from Mansfield in Nottinghamshire, admitted two counts of assaulting an emergency worker but Nottinghamshire Police said he did not have Coronavirus and their officers were "safe and well".

The force called his behaviour "despicable and appalling" and thanked the judge for sending "a loud and clear" message.

Leivers was sentenced at Nottingham Magistrates' Court on Saturday - three days after he was arrested.

District Judge Leo Pyle said: "It was in the public interest to deal with the matter sooner rather than later and the court will not flinch to protect officers."

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-nottinghamshire-52079061>

Why did the man get a harsh prison sentence for this offence?

Why did the court case happen more swiftly than normal?

Research online these **five purposes** of crime and write a paragraph about each. Identify which of these purposes of crime were met by the sentence given to the offender in this case and why.

PROTECTION (protection of public)

RETRIBUTION (the need for people to see criminals get the punishment they deserve)

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DETERRENCE (to put people off committing crime)

REHABILITATION (reform someone's behaviour)

REPARATION (person makes good the wrong they have done)



Stretch yourself by researching examples of each of these. For example, how do we rehabilitate prisoners in prisons? Look at schemes like “the Clink”.

Topic TWO: KNIFE CRIME

“Knife crime in London has risen to a new high amid a nationwide surge in blade-offending, official figures revealed today. The Office for National Statistics said that 15,080 knife offences were recorded in the capital during the 12 months to the end of last September.” 23 Jan 2020 The Evening Standard.

For this task I would like you to undertake a mini project. You need to include the following;

- Current knife crime figures for London
- Outline some of the causes of crime (remember to say who has suggested this cause)
- What solutions have been offered? (again remember to say who has offered these solutions)
- Describe the Mayor of London's campaign “London needs you alive”
- Evaluate this campaign. How effective do you think the campaign will be?
- Make suggestions: what do you think might be an effective way of tackling the number of people carrying knives?

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Design your own campaign for tackling knife crime.

Design a poster, come up with a slogan or make a video or design T shirts. GO for it!

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