



Year 11 Preparation for Study at Loreto College

SUBJECT

Criminology



QUALIFICATION

Applied Level 3 Diploma



PREPARATION TASKS



When you begin your Level 3 Criminology course, we will first focus on types of crime and how they are defined. Read each of the definitions below and watch the short clips to give you case studies and examples of each one.

White Collar Crime: crimes that are committed by people in a position of power or authority.

[The Man Who Stole \\$65 Billion](#)

State Crime: activities perpetrated by, or by order of, state agencies such as governments that commit crimes in order to further their policies.

[UK Government and army covered up war crimes - report](#)

Technological crime: offences involving the use of information and communication technology such as the internet, social media etc.

[Types of Cybercrime](#)

RESEARCH



A key aspect of unit 1 of this course is considering the role of campaigns against crime in the UK. Such campaigns occur when members of society wish to bring about a change of some kind, and to do this they begin a campaign for change.

Research one of the following campaigns and complete the questions below:

1. What is the purpose of a campaign for change?
2. What event led to the creation of this campaign?
3. What law was changed or introduced as a result of the campaign?
4. How could a campaign for change use the media to bring about change?

Campaigns:

[Sarah's Law Roll Out - 'A Good Step Forward'](#)

[Upskirting now a crime after woman's campaign](#)

RECOMMENDED READING



For reading that focuses purely on course content you can consider '*Criminology Book One, for the WJEC Level 3 Applied Certificate and Diploma*' (Rob Webb and Annie Townend, for Napier Press). This is not a requirement but maybe useful in reading ahead.

For wider reading, I would advise you to keep up with the news via BBC News and other news outlets.

I have also included some articles on past crimes that we may use as case studies next term:

- [Operation Yewtree: The successes and failures](#)
- [Recreational cannabis use becomes legal in California](#)
- [5 Years ago Bernie Madoff was Sentenced to 150 Years in Prison](#)
- ['Institutional racism': 20 years since Stephen Lawrence inquiry](#)

RECOMMENDED WEBSITES

www.

[Netflix](#) has lots to offer – both non-fiction and fiction – to keep you thinking. Here are some ideas for your watch list:

1. **The Trials of Gabriel Fernandez** – true crime documentary, focusing on the murder of a child and the trial of his guardians. Explores the criminal justice system.
2. **Killer Inside** – The Mind of Aaron Hernandez – This three-part documentary uses courtroom footage, phone calls, and interviews to show how Aaron Hernandez went from a star athlete to a convicted killer, who ultimately died in prison.
3. **The Disappearance of Madeleine McCann** – Explores the time from when Madeleine McCann vanished from her hotel room in Portugal, and the investigation that followed. Considers the role of both the Portuguese and UK justice systems and the campaign to continue the investigation.

This research work is really useful to do, as it will help you to explore your options for college study. Please be aware that agreed courses will be finalised at enrolment after students have been awarded their GCSE results.