



The Thomas Hardy School

Summer Preparation Task

WJEC Criminology

Purpose of task:

Criminology is the study of criminal justice and law enforcement. It looks at crime, offenders and victims. Who are these and how are they investigated?

Part of what you study in the first year is the study of some of the theories within criminology that explain why a person commits a crime and the public's response. We look at theory throughout the course.

Over the summer it's essential that all students prepare for their new courses. Excellent Criminology students are always prepared for learning and are organised for every lesson. This summer work will start you down the path of Criminology and help build your excitement, in preparation for joining us at Thomas Hardy Sixth Form.

This is your chance to make choices about what you want to watch, read and talk about and what you want to get from this course. This is an ideal time to show us how enthusiastic you are and get you into the practice of reading research, watching crime programmes and debating with friends and family.

Recommended resources:

Additional Resources:

We highly recommend that you have at least one news app downloaded onto your phone. To be an outstanding student you need to be aware of the news in regard to crime and be able to use your knowledge of contemporary news examples in your work. We recommend the Guardian news app which has a crime and law section, or the BBC app.

There are lots of TV programmes that are linked to crimes but try and access ones that are linked to real processes such as *24 Hours in Police Custody* on Channel 4, or *Murder 24/7* on BBC iPlayer. You will find the course more interactive if you have watched these programmes and have an idea about what's going on in society with regard to crime and justice today.

There are also several creators on Youtube and Tiktok who discuss crime cases. You can follow #TrueCrime on TikTok. There are also podcasts available such as CrimeJunkie.

Deadline for Task: First lesson in the week commencing 14th September 2026

Criminal Profile

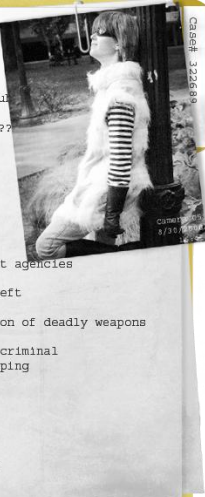
Name: Mail Jeevas
Known Alias: Matt

Birthday: Feb 1, 90 Hair: Au
Height: 5'5" Weight: 115 Eyes: ???
Sex: M

Education: Wammy's House

Wanted For: Espionage
Homicide
Hacking government agencies
Identity theft
Motor vehicle theft
Computer crime
Illegal possession of deadly weapons
Extortion
Aiding a wanted criminal
Aiding in kidnapping
Assault
Forgery
Fraud

Current Whereabouts: UNKNOWN



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1.

Choose a serial killer either from the list below or of your own choice. Write a fact file which should include the following information:

- Their crimes and victims
- Details of their trial
- Details of their sentence
- Investigate any media coverage of their crimes/ conviction and the impact of this
- Information about their background which might explain their criminal behaviour such as head injuries, mental illness, childhood abuse etc

- Get creative! This can be typed or hand-written and should include some photo's etc.



Myra Hindley and Ian Brady



Fred and Rose West



Harold
Shipman



Dennis
Nilsen



Peter
Sutcliffe



Levi
Bellfield

2. Explain what is meant by crime and what is meant by deviance.

3. Consider the following actions, and decide whether they are a crime or seen as deviant:

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| - Organised Crime | - Cannabis Use | - Supply of a Class A Drug |
| - Spitting in Public | - Peaceful Protest | - Fraud |
| - Death by Dangerous Driving | - Choice of Clothing | - Swearing |
| - Murder | - Body Odour | - Talking in the Cinema |

4. There is plenty of additional wider research and reading that you can complete alongside your studies. Pick a crime documentary to watch over the summer and write a short review. What made you pick that documentary and what did you find fascinating? What did you learn?

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