

LEVEL 3 CRIMINOLOGY

SUPPORTING YOUR STUDENT IN YEAR 13



WHAT ARE STUDENTS STUDYING?

Students are currently studying Unit 3: Crime Scene to Courtroom.

This is a controlled assessment unit. Students should be keeping on top of their practice briefs and preparing themselves – and, importantly, their folder – for their upcoming controlled assessment, which will take place on 1st and 2nd December 2026.

It is also really important that students have detailed notes on key criminal cases studied throughout the course, as in Unit 3 there is an expectation that they can reference and discuss these within their work.



FIVE THINGS STUDENTS SHOULD BE DOING NOW

1

Be on top of their folder

Ensure all classwork, notes and research are complete, organised and up to date. A well-prepared folder is essential for the controlled assessment.

2

Keep up with practice briefs

Complete all practice briefs set in class and meet deadlines. These help students develop the skills needed for the controlled assessment.

3

Make notes on key criminal cases

Students should keep detailed notes on key cases studied throughout the course so they can reference and apply them in their Unit 3 work.

4

Engage fully in class and independent learning

Consolidate knowledge from lessons, complete independent learning tasks and respond to feedback to continually improve their work.

5

Stay informed and interested

Keep up to date with current crimes, the criminal justice system and relevant news stories. This helps students make stronger, more realistic links in their work.



HOW CAN PARENTS AND CARERS HELP?

You do not need to be a criminologist to support your student! Please encourage them to:

- ✓ Work productively outside lessons as well as inside.
- ✓ Keep their Criminology folder organised and up to date.
- ✓ Meet all practice brief deadlines.
- ✓ Use feedback to make improvements.
- ✓ Encourage them to keep up to date with crime-related news and documentaries.
- ✓ Support them in managing their time in the run up to the controlled assessment.
- ✓ Ask them about what they are learning and show an interest in their work.



“What have you done for Criminology outside your lessons this week?”

can be a really useful starting point.



IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

Unit 3 Controlled Assessment – 1st and 2nd December 2026

Students will complete their Unit 3 controlled assessment on these dates. They should be using the time before this to finalise their folders and complete all practice work.

Unit 4 (next year)

Once Unit 4 begins after Christmas, there will be a Year 13 mock exam on this content before the live exam for Unit 4 in the summer.



USEFUL RESOURCES

Scan the QR codes below to access helpful resources.



Student Teams
Page



Tutor2u
Criminology



Exam Board
Specification



Netflix / YouTube
Recommendations



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