

CRIMINOLOGY AT XAVERIAN!

PREPARATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

Congratulations and thank you for choosing to study Criminology at Xaverian!

Mr Emmett, Miss Younge, Miss Pearson and Mr Reding are looking forward to getting to know you whilst helping you to achieve a top grade and offering excellent extra-curricular opportunities. We are currently planning the New York trip and the London



Students outside the Royal Courts of Justice in London

trip, but we set out below 3 essential steps that you should take in order to prepare sensibly for the course starting in September 2020.



Students inside the Supreme Court in London



Students in New York

STEP ONE: READ ABOUT CRIMES!

Criminology is heavily based on real life cases. Use the internet in order to do some extremely useful background reading about some of the fascinating and sometimes disturbing cases that you will encounter as you progress through the course. 10 examples to get you started are listed below. On Netflix we recommend 'When they see us', 'The People v OJ Simpson' and 'Amanda Knox', and on youtube there is plenty of good material relating to cases you will study such as the Yorkshire Ripper and the Hillsborough Disaster.

- Stephen Lawrence
- Fred West
- Damilola Taylor
- Abu Qatada
- Stefan Kiszko
- Barry George
- Nick Leeson
- Sally Clark
- Abu Hamza
- Christopher Jeffries

Now see if you can match the face to the names mentioned above....



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STEP TWO: EXPLORE USEFUL WEBSITES!

Criminology is an ever changing, topical subject. Get into the good habit of each day scanning the headlines and list of main stories on the BBC news website – www.bbc.co.uk/news. On most days there will be an item relating to crime which you can read in full, often relating to a particular topic that you will study. For example on 26th March 2020 it was reported that the crime of assault includes deliberately coughing on someone during the coronavirus crisis.

Learn about the work of the Crown Prosecution Service at www.cps.gov.uk, the Restorative Justice Council at [restorative justice.org.uk](http://restorativejustice.org.uk) and analyse crime statistics at www.gov.uk/government/collections/crime-statistics. Understand the debate on assisted dying by comparing the arguments set out at www.dignityindying.org.uk with those set out at www.carenotkilling.org.uk.

STEP THREE: GET ORGANISED!

A successful Criminology student is informed and organised. Read the WJEC specification, which is divided into 4 units, and have a look at some past exam papers. You can print this information and put it into a Criminology file ready for using in September. The website is www.wjec.co.uk.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AT ANY STAGE, PLEASE CONTACT
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