



Preparation for Year 12



Criminology



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CRIMINOLOGY AT XAVERIAN

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Congratulations and thank you for choosing to study Criminology at Xaverian. We are looking forward to getting to know you whilst helping you to achieve a top grade in addition to offering excellent extra-curricular opportunities. There will be guest speakers, trips to the courts and an exciting opportunity to visit London and New York. There are 3 tasks below that we would like you to do for September to help make the transition onto the new course as smooth and interesting as possible.



Task 1 – Representation of Crime

Crime is something that you will be familiar with even though you will probably not have had any direct experience with it. As part of your Unit 1 study, you will be expected to look at how crime is represented in mainstream media. We would like you to find examples of how crime is represented in the media and how this can impact on people's perception of crime.

Film Representation

Research the murder of Jamie Bulger.

Research any influence the movie 'Child's Play 3' may have had on the actions of the two offenders.



Gaming Representation

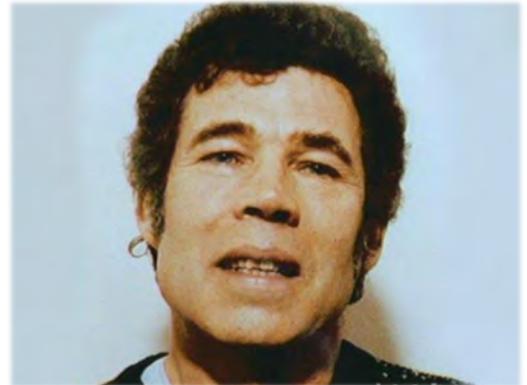


- Research the video game Grand Theft Auto and make a note of what crimes are represented in this gaming franchise.
- How might this impact on a person's perception of these crimes?
- Research the case of Zachary Burgess and explain how Grand Theft Auto influenced his crimes

Task 2 – Causes of Criminality

You may have seen the Xaverian Criminology Taster video where we discussed causes of criminality. Albert Bandura suggested that criminality is caused by social learning.

- Research Bandura's social learning theory and his Bobo the doll experiment.
- What were his key findings?
- Research serial killer Fred West, making a note of his crimes.
- Research Fred West's childhood and explain how Bandura's theory may be a cause of his criminality.



Task 3 – Criminal Investigations

When a crime is committed, the role of the police is critical in ensuring the offender is caught. The Macpherson Report in 1997 said the murder of Stephen Lawrence had been 'marred by a combination professional incompetence, institutional racism and a failure of leadership'

- Research the murder of Stephen Lawrence and the failings of the police in this investigation.
- What happened to Stephen Lawrence?
- What mistakes did the police force make in this investigation?
- What does 'institutional racism' mean?
- Does it still take place in 2020?
- What have the police force done to remove it?

