

Bridging Resources for  
Year 11 Applicants:  
**Criminology**



St John Rigby College

## Criminology at SJR

Hello everyone, and welcome to Criminology at St John Rigby College. We cannot wait for you to join us in September and the department is looking forward to meeting you all and working with you throughout your time at SJR.

Below is an insight into what we will be looking at throughout the course, as well as some activities for you to do as good starting points before coming to SJR. you can do. It should give you an insight into what you will study and the kinds of things we look at throughout Criminology.

We hope this helpful and we look forward to meeting you come September.

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### Some Questions we will be asking and critically analysing throughout the course:

- What place do campaigns for change have in society?
- Are they useful at raising awareness of crimes and preventing them?
  - Are people 'born criminal'?
  - What can turn people to criminality?
    - Does poverty cause crime?
  - Does someone's upbringing cause crime?
    - How can we tackle crime?
      - Is crime inevitable?
    - Is crime good for society?



## Activities Before you start the course:



- 1) Research the following campaigns for change:
  - a. Sarah's Law
  - b. StopHate UK
  - c. Kick It Out
  
- 2) If you were going to design a campaign – what would you base it on and why? Jot down some ideas in a notepad.
  
- 3) Research Lombroso's physiology theory – do you agree with him? Can we distinguish criminals from the rest of society? What limitations are there to his arguments?
  
- 4) Watch the following clip of the Manchester riots in 2011.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h6vOKV7H6\\_o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h6vOKV7H6_o) .What do you think caused the people to behave in such a way? Some things you may wish to consider: Poverty; Adrenaline; Anonymity; Their Personality; Taking advantage of an opportunity or because everyone else was doing it?
  
- 5) Watch the Louis Theroux documentaries on Netflix or the BBC iPlayer app. He does lots of 'law and order' documentaries from different societies around the world. Consider how different crime and punishment is in the UK compared to other parts of the world. How should the UK go about tackling crime?



## Fun Stuff to Watch:

Netflix is full of great resources to give you an insight into criminology. There are loads of series, documentaries and programmes you can watch about specific criminals, prisons and crime in other societies. We would highly recommend you watch as much as you possibly can! You will be able to relate all of what you watch to the course.

We hope you find this useful, and we cannot wait to start working with you in September.

Have a nice summer everyone.

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