

SUMMER BRIDGING WORK 2026

Summer Bridging Work is an important part of your transition to Wilberforce Sixth Form College. This piece of work will count towards your effort grade. Please complete your summer bridging work in time for the start of term.

You are required to bring evidence in paper format and hand this into your subject teacher during your first lesson.

Criminology

OVERVIEW OF SUBJECT: Criminology is the scientific study of crime and criminals. Ever thought why different people commit different crimes? Why do serial killers commit crime? Why do some people report crime and others don't? How much does the media influence our perception of crime? How do psychology and sociology explain crime? What happens during a criminal investigation? Who decides what laws to make? How do judges decide on the appropriate punishment for a criminal? You can explore the answers in this interesting and thought-provoking course

ENTRY CRITERIA You will need an average GCSE score of 5.3 and you must have a grade 4 in English

LITERACY TASKS

TASK 1

Crime can be grouped into different types: **White collar crime, moral crime state crime, technological crime and individual crimes (hate crime, honour crime and domestic abuse).**

For each of the crimes listed above provide the following:

- A definition with examples of the crimes that fall within this category.
- A real case example of this crime being committed.
- Identify who the mostly likely offenders would be.
- Identify who the most likely victims would be.

TASK 2

The media represent crimes in many different ways depending on the type of media in question and their target audience.

Consider each of the following forms of media: **newspapers, television, film, gaming, social media and music.**

For each form of media find at least 2 examples of crime being represented (a news story, a crime focused film, music with lyrics about committed crime etc.)

Discuss (one paragraph for each form of media) how crime is being represented – negatively, causing fear, exciting, rebellious, glamorous etc.

YOU WILL NEED THE COMPLETED WORK FROM TASK 1 AND 2 IN YOUR FIRST WEEKS LESSONS – PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU BRING IT WITH YOU.

TASK 3

There are many different jobs within the criminal justice system. For each of the following job roles prepare a case file. This should include a detailed description of what the job entails, qualification routes, salaries. You should also present some evaluation of the job. How do they assist in catching/punishing/rehabilitating offenders? In what ways are they limited (by funding, availability, expertise). You will need to do some research for this and include some good quality description and evaluation.

Police officer: Response Officer
Crime Scene Investigator
Pathologist
Probation Officer

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

Of the jobs listed in the first task choose one that most appeals to you and write a 200-word essay as to why you feel this career would be most suited to you.

Kind regards
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If you have any queries regarding your Summer Bridging Work, please contact me via email Lq@wilberforce.ac.uk