

Welcome to Criminology

Thank you for your interest in Criminology.

Criminology is a new and exciting course being offered at Central Saint Michael's Sixth Form College and it looks to be a popular course and of course. The team holds a very high expectation of students and demands much from them. Criminology is an interesting course that opens up doors in the legal sector. You will hopefully be a member of our team and we look forward to seeing you at the start of the academic year in 2020.

Before then, however, you have two tasks to complete. Failure to complete these tasks for your FIRST lesson WILL result in you being given a pink card transferring you to another course. Should you have any questions about this material, please email matthew.lamb@sandwell.ac.uk

Task 1: Read the person specification (this is who we are looking for). Make sure you know our expectations, want to be a member and match our requirements.

Person specification:

1. Highly organised (able to create, keep organised their work, passing folder assessments).
2. Enjoys reading books and keeping up to date with the news especially law.
3. Enjoys writing. Criminology is an essay based subject and you should enjoy and be confident in writing long answers.
4. Hard work. Criminology contains key of theorists and perspectives. You should be able to memorise these as well as keywords and will be tested on them. The only way to succeed at this is hard work and a good memory.
5. Good attendance. Should your attendance fall below 85%. You could be placed on the red list meaning that you might not progress to A2 no matter what your grade.
6. Passion. You should know what criminology is and what you want from it. E.g. as a stepping stone to university, or just because you're interested and want to know more.
7. Independent. College isn't high school. You will be given projects to complete throughout the year and you must make sure these are complete and on time. You have plenty of free periods and should use these wisely. This is your education – time to take control of your learning.

Task 2: Answer the questions below.

1. Write an essay (1500 words) on one of the following topics
 - a. Should cannabis be legalised?
 - b. Should incest be legalised as it is other European countries?
 - c. Should we bring capital punishment back?

Your answer should create a direct conclusion in your introduction and **SHOULD NOT** be in first person. We require an academic piece, which means **it should also be referenced with around 5 or 6 references.**

Make it easy for us. Do not use a font bigger than 12 or a title bigger than 16. Do not copy and paste from the internet. We will know. We want to see how you write. Remember, cheating now sets you up to fail later.

Remember try not to be general in your research and make everything sociology specific. It is okay if you don't understand everything you have researched – we will be going through it to support you. Again, should you have any questions, please email me. Other than that, thank you for taking an interest in criminology and we look forward to having you on our team.

Good luck in your GCSEs.

