

# WJEC Level 3 Applied Certificate and Diploma Criminology Year 11 Transition Pack (Summer Work)

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Congratulations on choosing Level 3 Applied Criminology! This summer transition pack is designed to prepare you for the step up to Level 3 study. These tasks will help you develop the mindset and knowledge you'll need to succeed.

## ■ Introduction to Level 3 Applied Criminology

**Exam Board:** WJEC

**Units Studied in Year 12:**

1. **Unit 1 – Changing Awareness of Crime** (*Controlled Assessment – Internally marked, Externally moderated*)
  2. **Unit 2 – Criminological Theories** (*External Exam – 90 minutes*)
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## 🧠 Suggested Summer Transition Tasks

### 1. What is Crime?

- Make a mind map exploring:
  - Legal definitions of crime
  - Social constructions of crime
  - Examples of crimes that aren't always reported (e.g., domestic abuse, white-collar crime)

### 2. Research a Case Study

Choose a well-known UK criminal case (e.g., **Harold Shipman, Rose West, Stephen Lawrence, Sophie Lancaster**).

Answer:

- What happened?
- What type(s) of crime were involved?

- How did the media report it?
- Was justice achieved?

### 3. Intro to Criminological Theories

Research one of the following and write a short summary (150–200 words):

- **Biological Theories** (e.g. Lombroso, genetics)
  - **Sociological Theories** (e.g. strain theory, social learning)
  - **Psychological Theories** (e.g. Eysenck's theory of personality)
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### Essential Watching

#### Videos & Documentaries:

- YouTube: *Real Stories, Crime + Investigation UK*
- Netflix: *Mindhunter, The Confession Tapes, When They See Us*
- BBC iPlayer: *Crimewatch, Panorama* documentaries

#### Podcasts:

- *Casefile, Serial, Criminal*
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### Activities

#### 1. Glossary Builder

Create flashcards for:

- Crime
- Deviance
- Moral panic
- White-collar crime
- Victimless crime
- Social construction

- Sanction
- Custodial sentence
- Rehabilitation

## **2. Mini Essay**

"Why do some crimes go unreported?"

Write 300–400 words using examples and possible consequences.

## **3. Crime in the Media**

- Choose a crime-related news article.
  - Annotate:
    - How the crime is described
    - Language used
    - Bias or emotion
    - Public reaction (if any)
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## **Skills to Develop Over Summer**

- Independent research and referencing
- Analytical writing
- Evaluating sources
- Time management
- Interpreting case studies