

STEP INTO SIXTH FORM

TASK 3: CRIMINOLOGY

The media and crime

INTRODUCTION VIDEO

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TASK

Criminology is the study of crime and deviant behaviour from a social perspective, looking at reasons why people commit crimes, the impact that crime has on society and how crime can be prevented.

The media is one agency which impacts upon behaviour which is what we will focus on in this session.

In Criminology you will focus on six media sources; TV, Film, Newspapers, Social Media, Music and Video Games. Your task is to find specific examples from each media source to show how the media represents crime. Think about if you only ever learn about crime from that media source, what would your understanding be? Secondly, what **impact** do these representations have on wider society and behaviour?

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WEBSITES AND ONLINE LEARNING MATERIALS

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news> - explore for newspaper representations of crime
- <https://www.crimeandinvestigation.co.uk/article/does-a-relationship-between-video-games-and-violent-behaviour-exist> - impact of video games and behaviour
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-14842416>—could be an example to show the impact of media representations on public perceptions of crime
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-51459553>—could be used to explore the impact of some genres of music on behaviour

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