

Independent Learning in WJEC Criminology



After each lesson, in addition to completing any set work, a pro-active, independent learner would...

- Ensure that notes are completed and filed suitably in a folder or book.
- Catch up on any missed lessons before the next lesson.
- Read the relevant workbook pages and annotate lesson notes with additional information.
- Use their student checklist sheets to map learning against the requirements of the specification for each topic being studied: class notes → independent notes → revision.
- Make a list of things not fully understood to be reviewed and discuss with a peer in the first instance.
- E-mail or speak to their class teacher to arrange a meeting time for further clarification of any work they are unsure of.
- At the end of subsection, create a mind-map to review all of the content and see the bigger picture, adding in relevant evaluation points to deepen understanding.
- Continue to purple pen and redraft marked work and return to their class teacher.
- Maintain a list of learning points from reviewed/marked work and regularly review this list.
- Seek out additional sources of questions on areas of weakness and be pro-active in completing questions, self marking with a mark scheme and then asking for feedback from a teacher.

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Resources to help you study

Key resources, such as the exam specification, checklists, past papers and mark schemes, exam technique and advice, etc. can be found in Handouts\Criminology.

Resource	Description
Student Checklist Sheets	You should have one for each topic. These will give you a breakdown of the specification and what you should have in your notes.
Criminology workbook	This covers all of the information for Unit 2.
Crime documentaries	For real life relevance to the specification – these relate to A02.
https://www.simplypsychology.or g/	A good website with an overview of key areas linked to the Psychological aspects of the specification. You can use this to help clarify lesson content or extend your learning.

Stretch yourself

Read Psychology and Sociology A Level text books on the relevant areas.