



24 April 2026

Dear Families

Year 12 'Crime scene to court room' and Forensic psychology workshops – Thurs 11 & Fri 12 June 2026

I have arranged a two-day series of workshops to bring to life the students' study of applied criminology and/or psychology in Year 12. On Day 1, students will have the opportunity to examine a crime scene, investigate a murder based on a real case and present evidence in a mock courtroom trial. On Day 2, they will apply forensic psychology to the art of police interviewing, as taught to trainee detectives. We have been running these workshops, led by a former police detective, for several years now with very positive student feedback. As well as being directly applicable to the criminology and psychology curricula, these workshops will open the students' eyes to the wide range of future careers available in policing, forensics and the criminal justice system. They are also excellent preparation for those considering applying to study criminology, psychology or law at University, providing learning beyond the specification which they can discuss in their UCAS personal statements.

Further details of the workshop are available at:

<https://zakon.co.uk/courses/course/secondary-school-forensic-science-and-courtroom-workshop> [Day 1]

<https://zakon.co.uk/courses/course/forensic-psychology-school-workshop-the-art-of-investigative-interviewing> [Day 2]

The workshops will take place in school. Year 12 students will be off timetable on the above dates, starting and finishing school at the usual times. **They will need to catch up on any work missed for other subjects.**

You are invited to make a voluntary contribution of **either £27.00** for one of the workshops only (please select on the google form), **or £54.00 to book both for your child**, including all the resources that the students will need on the day. **I must, however, tell you that as the school could not bear the cost of this event, it will not take place unless parents who are able to, are willing to contribute.**

We ask that you make payment via the My Child at School App and complete the consent & booking form [HERE](#) by **3pm on Friday 8 May 2026**. If circumstances make it difficult to meet the voluntary contribution, please contact me at the email address below. Please be aware that there is a maximum of 30 places available. Priority for the Day 1 workshop will be given to Year 12 criminology students due to its importance for their study of criminology Unit 3, Crime



Scene to Court Room. **I strongly recommend that all criminology students attend at least the Day 1 workshop.** Priority for the Day 2 workshop will be given to Year 12 psychology students until this date due to its relevance to their A level syllabus. After 8th May, booking for both days will also be opened to both criminology and psychology students on a first-come-first-served basis.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this event.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Porter', written in a cursive style.

Ms M Porter

Head of Sixth Form and curriculum Leader for KS5 Sociology and Criminology
mporter@sackvilleschool.org.uk