



25 April 2025

Dear Families

Year 10 Sociology - Crime Scene to Courtroom Workshop - Friday 27 June 2025

I am pleased to be able to offer places for 30 Year 10 sociology students on a one-day forensic science and courtroom workshop, which will bring to life their study of the crime and deviance topic for paper 2.

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. The workshop is led by a former police detective and will open the students' eyes to the wide range of future careers available in policing, forensics and the criminal justice system. It will also be excellent preparation for any students considering choosing A Level sociology or applied criminology in year 12.

Further details of the workshop are available at: <https://zakon.co.uk/courses/course/secondary-school-forensic-science-and-courtroom-workshop>.

The workshop will take place in school. The students will be off timetable for the whole day and will start and finish school at the usual times. For everyone to fully benefit from the workshop, it is important that all students are punctual, participate positively and follow all instructions from the course provider. Anyone who is unable to do this may be asked to leave and return to their normal lessons.

You are invited to make a voluntary contribution of £27.00, which will cover the cost of the workshop, 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 never want cost to be a barrier preventing members of our Sackville Community from our culture of belonging or from being able to take part in trips and events. We will work closely with all families to ensure that every child has equitable access to opportunity, during their time at Sackville School. If any families would like their child to take part in this opportunity and would need financial assistance, we invite families to get in touch with us to discuss what may be available.

Please note, there is a limited number of Year 10 places available for the workshop. In the event that it should become over-subscribed, we will complete a ballot to allocate places in a fair manner. We ask that you make payment via the My Child at School App and complete the consent form [HERE](#) by Friday 9 May 2025.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at mporter@sackvilleschool.org.uk if you have any questions about this event.

Yours sincerely

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