

## Upper 6 observe courtroom proceedings at Harrogate Justice Centre



Our Upper 6 sociologists recently enjoyed a visit to the Harrogate Justice Centre. We are studying 'Crime and Deviance' this year and the visit provided us with an excellent insight into this part of the criminal justice system. We were welcomed by a member of staff who gave us a tour and took questions from the students. We then were allowed to sit in the public gallery of one of the courts for the afternoon and observe three cases. Two were related to traffic and one was related to an assault. It was fascinating to see how the proceedings worked. At the end of the afternoon the three magistrates had some spare time so we were able to ask them questions. It was fascinating to hear about their backgrounds and how the court process worked. We left with a lot to think about and discuss and a greater understanding to support their A Level work.

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