



Court-Based Learning, Teaching & Assessment

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Overview



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REFLECTIONS



2020-21



Q&A



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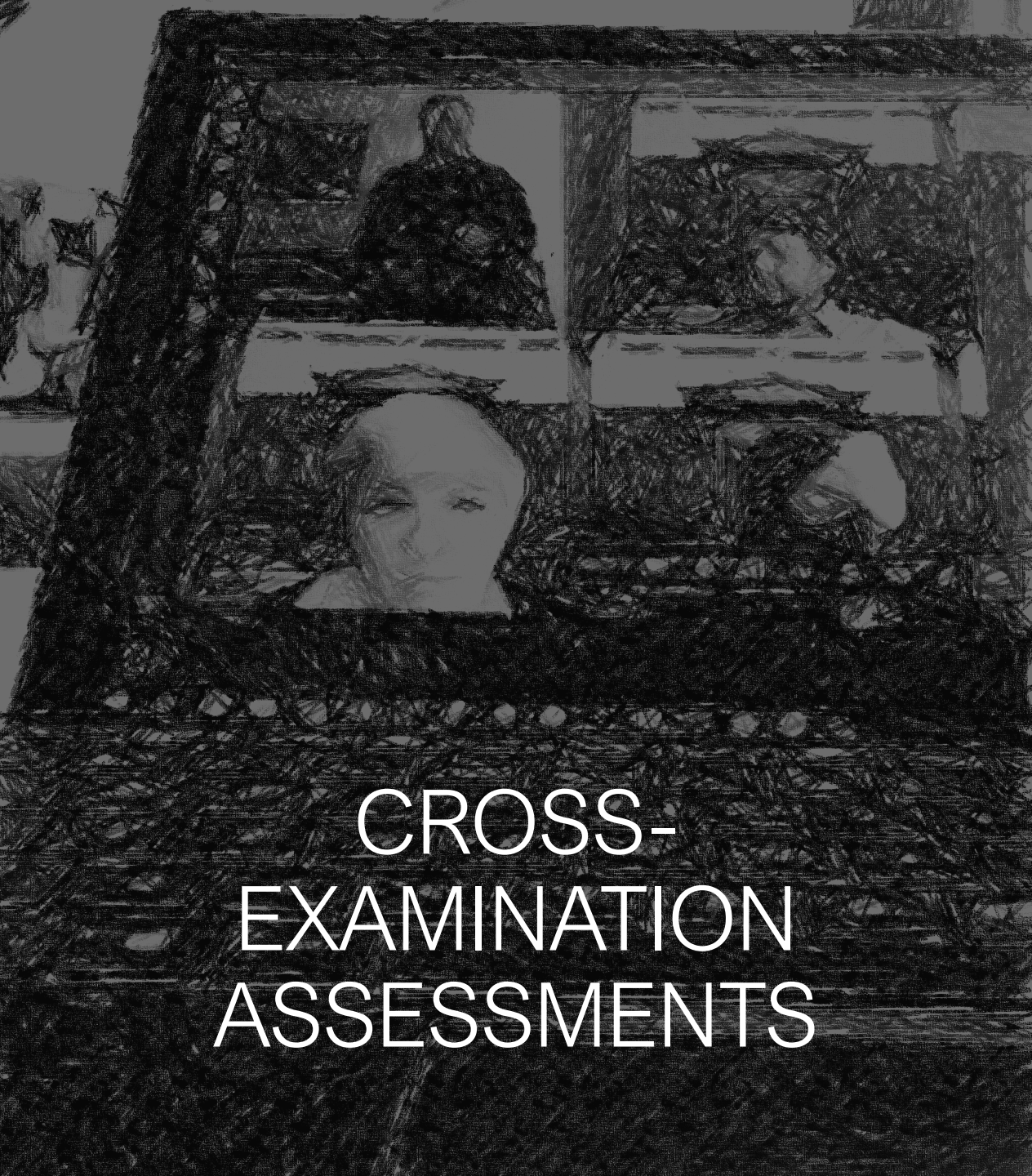
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Context: Staffordshire University

Courtroom-based activities:

- Mock trials (1st year UG)
- Real court attendance (1st year UG & ongoing)
- Context-based teaching (1st & 2nd year UG)
- Mock cross-examinations (2nd & 3rd year UG & PG)
- Final cross-examinations (Final year UG & PG)





CROSS- EXAMINATION ASSESSMENTS



3rd Year UGs

May 2020

MS Teams

Custom backdrop

Usher, Evidence-in-Chief & Cross-
Examination

No Judge ☹️

Remote Cross-Examination Reflections



Looked more realistic



Live so still felt scary!



Device issues overcome



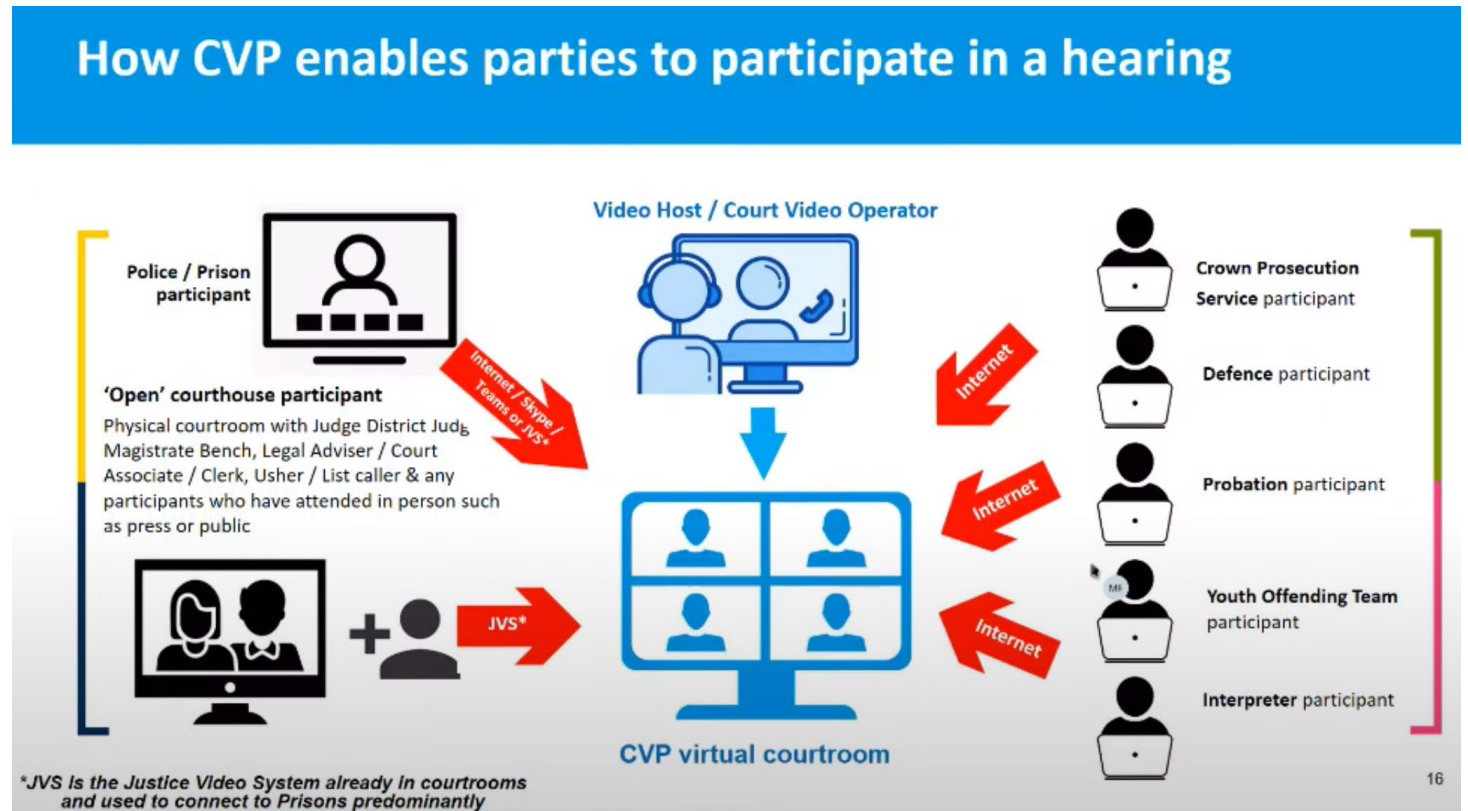
Connection worries overcome



Flexibility for rescheduling

Context: Courts during COVID

- ~50% courts closed (Mar)
- Jury trials ceased (Mar-May)
- 90% hearings remote, ~2,800 per day (Apr)
- Kinly Cloud Video Portal used
- Almost all courts open publicly (Jul)
- 10 temp 'Nightingale Courts' (Aug)
- £142 million investment to modernise 100 courtrooms



Source: Screen from [HMCTS webinar](#) on 15th July 2020

Mock Court Upgrade

Simulation & case management system

Video & audio

Live stream

3D scans

Project onto walls or device



2020-21 & Beyond



Video &/or stream mock trial (staff & law students)



3D scan of Old Crown Court



Real & dramatized court cases



Public gallery in real court cases



Free interactive court resources (next slide)



Critique & discuss with live tasks & quizzes



Audio record answers to cross-examination Qs



Collaborative 'wall' sharing relevant contemporary cases

Free Online Resources

3D Interactive Magistrate's Court with Animated Speech

(<https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/educationprograms/3d-interactive-court-room/>)

360° Tour of Supreme Court (<https://www.supremecourt.uk/visiting/360-degree-virtual-tour.html>)

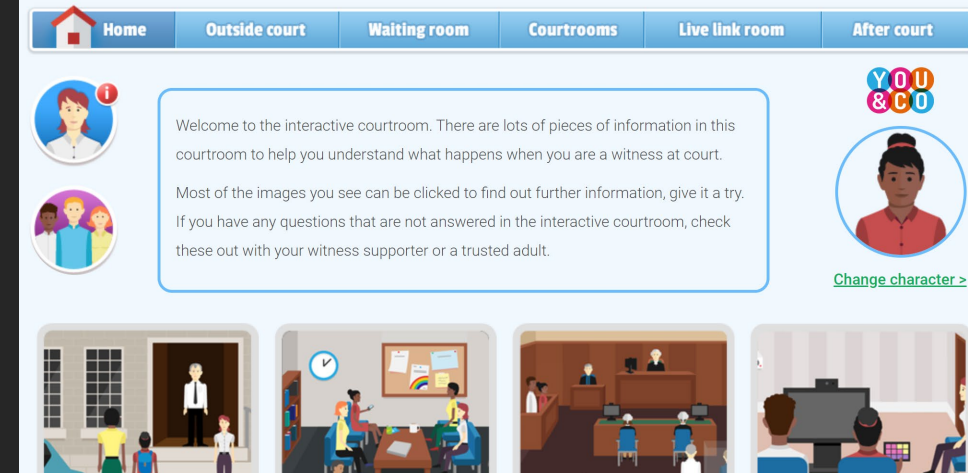
Virtual Tour of a High Court (<https://www.judiciary.uk/you-and-the-judiciary/going-to-court/high-court/the-rolls-building/virtual-tour/>)

'Cracking the Case' - what the CPS does & what happens in court
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i5zn2cblai8>)

Interactive Witness Journey through Court – Victim Support
(<https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/courtroom/>)

Oscar Pistorius Trial: Tuesday 15 April 2014, Session 1 - SABC News
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qQBha2ZCAjU>)

Scripted Mock Trials – Civil and Criminal
(<https://www.lawlessons.ca/teaching-resources/mock-trial-scripts>)





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Organisation	Summary
FIT-IN	Forensic (Science), Innovation & Technology – Information Network

[What Works Centre for Crime Reduction](#)

A centre supported by the UK College of Policing to:

- Undertake and build capacity for research in priority policing areas
- Collate and share the best available evidence, embedding them into standards and practice
- Raise research awareness and the importance of using appropriate robust research methods.

The site offers direct access to their [Research Map](#) and [Crime Reduction Toolkit](#) as well as a range of policing focussed [online resources](#). As a result, these online resources are not relisted here and some may only be accessible to police officers/staff based in the UK.

[Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences Research Scholarship](#)

CSFS awards up to a maximum of £3,000 per annum to appropriately qualified candidates for a maximum period of 3 years for their research in one of the following areas:

- Forensic science
- Criminal justice
- Forensic science policy and practice
- Forensic medicine
- Crime investigation based on scientific methods.

RECENT POSTS

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- [The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust: A vital source of support for advancing emergency services and criminal justice practices in the UK](#)
- [R4J Repository, Sponsorship & House of Lords Inquiry](#)
- [EAFS 2018](#)
- [Research4Justice Community Update](#)

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Danny Hughes @SECAmb_Danny

Communicating with patients who lipread whilst wearing a mask.. I hope you find this useful! 🙏🙏🙏
#Communication #Inclusion #PatientCare #Paramedic @Google #LiveTranscribeApp #COVID19 #TeamSECAmb

Jul 17, 2020

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Paola A. Magni @doc_magni

#Diatoms in #clothing to solve a crime. Glad @MurdochUni is on top of providing new research data about this amazing method to help the



#RemoteForensicCSI Networking Platform
hosted through MS Teams?

Survey for Feedback 😊

Thank you for listening!



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