

Welcome to Applied Level 3 Criminology

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The definition of criminology is:
The scientific approach to studying criminal behaviour.

- Including examining who commits crimes
- Why they commit them
- Their impact
- How to prevent them



This course will enable you to use theories of criminality to analyse criminal situations and make recommendations for policy. You will also develop the knowledge and skills to research policy in practice, assess campaigns for changes in awareness and examine information to review verdicts in criminal cases.

- Structure of Assessment

Content for Year 12 and Year 13

WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology					
Unit Number	Entry Code	Unit Title		Assessment	GLH
1		Changing Awareness of Crime	Mandatory	Internal	90
2		Criminological Theories	Mandatory	External	90
3		Crime Scene to Courtroom	Mandatory	Internal	90
4		Crime and Punishment	Mandatory	External	90

Learners must complete **ALL** units.

Questions we explore in criminology

What is crime and deviance, what is the difference?

Can you identify a criminal from looking at them?

Can someone be born a criminal?

What is the process of a criminal investigation?

How is evidence processed?

Why do some crimes go unreported and what can we do about this?

How can campaigns raise awareness of unreported crimes?

What social control methods are used and how effective are they?

Why Criminology ?

- An INTERESTING and ENJOYABLE subject
- About the WORLD WE LIVE IN
- Developing an understanding of WHY CRIMES HAPPEN and how we can deal with such issues
- A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT where you develop as a whole person

Why Criminology ?

- Something new
- Something different from what you have studied before
- Applied General assessment
- Links to other subjects such as Sociology, Psychology, etc

Why Criminology - Our Results

It is a new course within the school, so only limited data but:

2022 – 71% A*-C

2023 – 67% A*-C

2024- 57% A*-C, 100% Pass, Average Grade C, Positive VA

2025- Average Grade C, +1.44 VA (on average, student achieved nearly a grade and a half higher than their TG)

What sort of person studies Criminology?

Someone who :-

- Is **INTERESTED** in the world around them
- **QUESTIONS** why things are the way they are
- Is **OPEN** to different ideas and enjoys debating them
- No experience is necessary (Sixth Form entry requirements need to be met)
- Enjoys writing which is a key component – but we can work on this together

What can you gain from Criminology?

- A wide variety of skills including :-
 - **Knowledge and Understanding** of a range of theories and research
 - **Analysis** of importance of different reasons why things occur
 - **Application** of ideas to problems faced in society (link to Policies etc)
 - **Evaluating** different perspectives on certain issues
 - An overall ability to appreciate different views and opinions in the world (crucial given the world we live in)

Progression opportunities

- Students can go on to University to study Criminology or related disciplines e.g Social Work, Sociology, Political Science, Social Policy
- But also good preparation for other Higher Education routes – Teaching, Law, Media, History, Geography, English, RE and Philosophy
- Also provides many transferable skills for employment / Apprenticeship options eg Crime – Police, Law, Media work etc Social Work, Education,

Do you have any questions?



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