

CRIMINOLOGY

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COURSE LEVEL 3 | Applied A Level (Certificate & Diploma);

WHAT IS CRIMINOLOGY?

Criminology is the study of crime and criminals. It looks at the causes of crime, the social impact of crime, and the individuals involved in the crime from the criminal themselves to the people who work within the criminal justice system. We study criminology in an attempt to understand what motivates the criminal to act in a criminal manner; once this is known we can study how crime can be managed, controlled and prevented.

COURSE FOLLOWED

In Year 12, you will study Unit 1 and Unit 2 which will award you an Applied Certificate in Criminology:

Unit 1 - Changing Awareness of Crime:

This part of the course will allow you to demonstrate an understanding of different types of crimes that are committed, the perceptions of crime and **why** some crimes are unreported.

Unit 2 - Criminological Theories:

You will begin by looking at how we **define crime** and explore psychological and sociological **explanations** for criminal behaviour and what leads people to commit different types of crimes.

In Year 13, you will study Unit 3 and Unit 4. In combination with the Year 12 units, you will be awarded an Applied Diploma in Criminology:

Unit 3 - Crime Scene to Courtroom:

You will look at the different methods of **investigating crime**, and then look at how this is used within the criminal trial process in order to reach a guilty or not guilty verdict.

Unit 4 - Crime and Punishment:

In this unit you will look at how effective different **types of punishment** for criminal behaviour are and study the different agencies who work within social control.

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

The course is assessed by a mixture of written examinations and controlled assessments per year.

Units 1 and 3 are assessed through internally set assignments (controlled assessments).

Units 2 and 4 are assessed through unseen written external exams papers consisting of short answers & extended writing questions.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To study Criminology you will need at least five GCSES at grade 5 including English Language.

FUTURE PROSPECTS

The course will support access to degree courses in Criminology and combined Criminology, Law, Sociology, Psychology, Forensics etc. The qualification is aimed at people who are interested in employment within the criminal justice system; e.g. the police force, National Probation Service, the Courts and Tribunals Service or the National Offender Management Service.

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