

CRIMINOLOGY DIPLOMA

WJEC LEVEL3



COURSE OVERVIEW

WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Criminology will allow students to demonstrate understanding of different types of crime, influences on perceptions of crime and why some crime goes unreported. It will continue by looking at why people commit crime, and how the criminal justice system works from arrest to conviction, lastly it will allow learners to develop an awareness of criminality, criminological theories and the process of bringing an accused to court in order to evaluate the effectiveness of social control to deliver criminal justice policy. It is aimed at students who have previously or who are studying Sociology, Psychology, Law, or Citizenship. You will be expected to produce a campaign for change related to crime within an internally assessed exam.

CAREER PROGRESSION

The course aims to develop student interest in and enthusiasm for a rigorous study of Criminology and be able relate it to the wider world. Accordingly, studying Criminology is aimed at students who have previously or who are currently studying Sociology, Psychology, Law, or Citizenship. Knowledge and understanding of the criminal systems are developed in purposeful contexts linked to the criminal justice system. Criminology encourages students to adopt an enquiring, critical and reflective approach to the study of crime whilst reflecting on and developing their own values, opinions and attitudes in the light of their learning.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The course will be mainly classroom based but will be enhanced with trips both locally and further afield.

KEY FACTS

Course Duration:

Two years

Entry Requirements:

5 GCSEs at grade A*/9 – C/4 including Maths and English

Assessment:

Unit 1 – Changing awareness of crime internally assessed through coursework

Unit 2 Criminological Theories externally assessed through 90-minute exam

75 marks

Unit 3 Crime scene to courtroom

internally assessed through coursework

Unit 4 Crime and punishment externally assessed through 90-minute exam

75 marks

RIA PATEL

Previous School:

Judgemeadow
Is in year one at
Gateway studying
Level 3 Criminology.

"I chose Gateway
because I wanted
to study the
Criminology course
here and couldn't



find another college that offered it. I came to the Open Day and loved the College and the course immediately. It has a bit of everything, sociology, psychology and law. In the first year we are exploring whether criminals are created or if they are born to become criminals – is it nature or nurture? In year two we will study the legal world and what happens once a criminal has been arrested." "This year we have each created a campaign to highlight a hidden crime. I chose domestic violence against men. The research was really interesting and my classmates were surprised at the cases I presented."



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