

Course title: Criminology WJEC Level 3 Qualification

Academic year:	2026
Course Venue:	King Edward VI High School
Course Type:	BTEC
Duration:	2 years

Course Description:

The course offers an excellent grounding in Criminology, especially for those who may already have half an eye on a possible career in the Criminal Justice system. It does not exclude the students from studying the subject at degree level.

Course Content:

1. Changing perception of crime

This involves a study of the different 'hidden crimes' and how they are portrayed by the media. Students will be expected to produce materials for a campaign to reduce criminality, such as hate crime, honour crime and domestic violence.

2. Theories of criminality

This involves a study of the different theories of criminality i.e. biological, sociological and psychological. Students will be expected to apply these theories to different types of crime, such as riot, gang membership, serial killers and female crime.

3. Crime scene to court room

Students will learn about the process of crime investigation from start to finish including the role of profilers, SOCO, police and lawyers. The controlled assessment will ask students to consider the guilt of a convicted offender based upon a range of evidence types.

4. Crime and punishment

This final unit focuses on how we control offenders and whether the current systems in place work. Students will consider the different agencies involved in the Criminal Justice system such as the probation and prison service.

Entry requirements: To study the Technical and Applied General Programme, you should have achieved a 9-4 in at least five different subjects with a grade 4 or above in English and mathematics.

Assessment:

50% Controlled assessment (internally assessed)

50% Examination (externally assessed)

Financial Information:

Purchase of a textbook is optional but advised. The cost is approximately £20.



Future opportunities: This course will help prepare students for higher education or employment. It is particularly useful if you are considering a career in Law, Criminal justice system, psychology or forensic science.

Further information:

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