CRIMINOLOGY

LEVEL 3 APPLIED DIPLOMA

EXAM BOARD: WJEC

CONTROLLED ASSESSMENT	EXTERNAL EXAM X 2 PAPERS

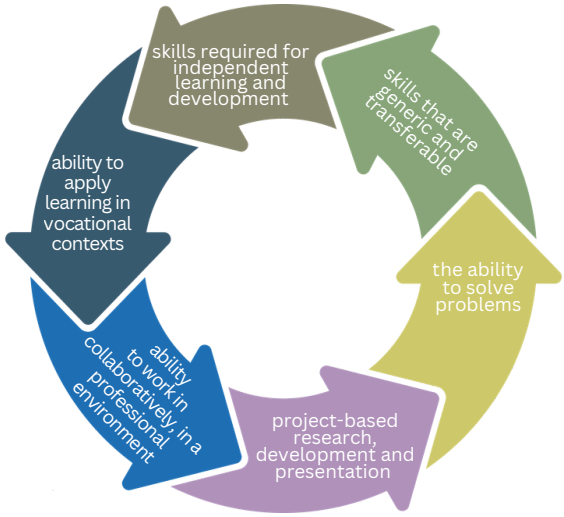
Why study Criminology?

An understanding of criminology is pertinent to many job roles within the criminal justice sector, social and probation work as well as sociology and psychology.

The WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology is a qualification with elements of law, psychology and sociology that go well with studies in humanities.

This qualification would support learners' progression from any study at Level 2, particularly GCSEs in Citizenship, Humanities, History, Law and Sociology.

Each unit within the qualification necessitates learning that is related to authentic case studies. It also requires students to consider how the use and application of their learning has an impact on themselves, other individuals, employers, society and the environment.



Subject Specification Outline:

This specification consists of 4 mandatory units:

- CHANGING AWARENESS OF CRIME
- CRIMIN-OLOGICAL THEORIES
- CRIME SCENE TO COURTROOM
- CRIME & PUNISHMENT

Progress Assessment:

As well as ongoing formal half term assessments, you will be regularly set a variety of practice exam questions. Teacher-, self- and peer-assessment will be used coupled with the expertise of teaching staff.



Final Exam Format:

Year 12 after which you will receive a Level 3 Certificate in Criminology		Year 13 after which you will receive a Level 3 Diploma in Criminology	
Unit 1 Internal Controlled Assessment	Unit 2 External Exam	Unit 3 Internal Controlled Assessment	Unit 4 External Exam
100 marks 8 hrs	75 marks 1 hr 30 mins	100 marks 8 hrs	75 marks 1 hr 30 mins

Self Study Requirements:

For every hour spent in the classroom, you will be expected to spend the equivalent amount of time outside the classroom completing learning tasks.

Progression Pathways: The principal purpose of the WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology is to use the qualification to support access to higher education degree courses, such as: Criminology, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Criminology and Psychology, Law with Criminology, Criminology and Sociology, and Psychology and Sociology.

Alternatively, the qualification allows students to gain the required understanding and skills to be able to consider employment within aspects of the criminal justice system, such as the Courts and Tribunals Service the National Probation Service, or the National Offender Management Service.

Our students, beyond Stratford: our 2026 Criminology students have gone onto study Criminology & Law, Criminology & Sociology and Marketing at the universities of Bath, Oxford Brookes, Warwick and Liverpool.