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What will I study?

This is a WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Criminology.

You will need to:

- enjoy researching and exploring the world around you, working independently as well as with others.
- be able to see two sides of an issue and be interested in exploring why people commit crimes and the way that society deals with offenders.

There are four **mandatory** units:

Unit 1: Changing Awareness of Crime – understanding types of crime, influences on perceptions of crime and why some crimes are unreported

Unit 2: Criminological Theories – why people commit crime

Unit 3: Crime Scene to Courtroom – examining information to review the justice of verdicts in criminal cases

Unit 4: Crime and Punishment – evaluating the effectiveness of social control to deliver criminal justice policy.

Units 1 & 2 will be completed in year 12 and result in a Level 3 Certificate in Criminology. Successful completion of units 1 & 2 will allow you to continue to year 13 where you will study units 3 & 4 to receive the Level 3 Diploma.

All units must be passed to receive the qualification.

You will need to monitor news relating to all aspects of crime. Some key themes will be:

- Cause and Effect of crimes
- Change and Continuity of social policies

This applied course requires learning related to authentic case studies.

Assessment

Units 1 & 3 are 8 hour internal controlled assessments.

Units 2 & 4 are external one and a half hour exams.

Career Opportunities

This qualification supports access to a range of Higher Education degree courses including Criminology, Psychology, Sociology, Law and History.

It is also relevant for various careers including the Police Force, the Armed Services, the Prison and Probation Service, the Courts and the Law.

Entry Requirements

Five Level 4 GCSEs are required for entry into 6th Form.

Level 5 pass is required in your chosen, or related, subject.

Some subjects require Level 6; decisions will be based on individual students.

Hours of study (fortnightly)

9 hours of lesson time

6 hours independent learning

Resources needed

Cost of any trips

Purchase of a textbook:
 Criminology Book 1 for the
 WJEC Level 3 Applied
 Certificate, Rob Webb & Annie
 Townend, Napier Press. ISBN:
 978-1838271503

