



Course Title: WJEC Level 3 APPLIED DIPLOMA IN CRIMINOLOGY

Awarding Body: WJEC

Further information available from: MISS TURNER

**Course requirements** - at least a Grade 4 in Maths, English and Science.

**About the course** - An understanding of criminology is relevant to many job roles within the criminal justice sector, social and probation work and sociology and psychology. The WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology is a qualification with elements of psychology, law and sociology that complements many other studies.

Criminology is an Applied General qualification, designed primarily to support learners progressing to university or into higher level apprenticeships in areas such as: Criminology and Criminal Justice, Criminology and Psychology, Law with Criminology and Criminology and Sociology. The WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology is equivalent to one A-level and consists of four mandatory units.

#### **How is the course assessed?**

A combination of assessment styles will give you confidence that you can apply your knowledge to succeed. The course is assessed by both internally and externally assessed work.

- Unit 1 – Changing awareness of crime
- Unit 3 – Crime scene to Courtroom

These units are internally assessed, written work that are delivered in the form of controlled assessment. In this controlled assessment, you are given a brief that contains a scenario and tasks. This is selected by your teacher and prepared by the exam board.

- Unit 2 – Criminological Theories
- Unit 4 – Crime and Punishment

Both of these units are externally assessed in exams. This draws on information from units 2 and 4, but it is a synoptic paper so can draw on areas from all over the course.

#### **What skills and knowledge does the course allow you to develop?**

The course will allow learners to develop:

- skills required for independent learning and development
- a range of generic and transferable skills
- the ability to solve problems
- the skills of project-based research, development and presentation
- the fundamental ability to work alongside other professionals, in a professional environment
- the ability to apply learning in vocational contexts