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Key Stage 5 Curriculum Overview

CRIMINOLOGY

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Curriculum Intent

Exam Board and Link to Specification
We follow the WJEC exam board. The course is a Level 3 Diploma.

Here is the link to follow the specification:
Level 3 Criminology

Curriculum Implementation

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 12	**Unit 1 (NEA)** Changing awareness of crime (Dec assessment)	**Unit 2** Criminological theories	**Unit 2** Criminological theories (May exam) **Unit 3 (NEA)** Crime scene to courtroom
Year 13	**Unit 3 (NEA)** Crime scene to courtroom (Dec assessment)	**Unit 4** Crime and punishment	**Unit 4** Crime and punishment (May exam)

Assessment Overview: 4 units, each worth 25% of the overall diploma grade.

Unit 1: Changing awareness of crime – **NEA (100 marks)**. Assessed through an 8 hour controlled assessment, consisting of a 3-hour session followed by 2 separate 2.5-hour sessions. This controlled assessment is completed in January of Y12 with an unseen brief issued by WJEC at the start of the academic year.

Unit 2: Criminological theories – **90 minute (75 marks)** External exam at the end of Y12. This allows students to certificate the equivalent of an AS if they so wish.

Unit 3: Crime scene to courtroom – **NEA (100 marks)**. Assessed through an 8 hour controlled assessment, consisting of a 3-hour session followed by 2 separate 2.5-hour sessions. This controlled assessment is completed in November of Y13 with an unseen brief issued by WJEC at the start of the academic year.

Unit 4: Crime and punishment – **90 minute (75 marks)** External exam at the end of Y13. This unit completes the Diploma qualification

How we build on prior learning

- Interleaving assessment activity (in Units 2 and 4)
- Retrieval practice of content and course material (in Units 2 and 4)
- Development of exam technique through feedback and feedforward strategies

All units in WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology have been designed to require learners to develop their learning by working towards work-related purposeful tasks. Learners will select and apply their learning in the completion of these tasks.

Unit 2 requires learners to draw on learning from Unit 1, in order to complete the assessment requirements.

Unit 4 requires learners to draw on their learning from Units 1, 2 and 3 in order to complete the assessment requirements.

The 'amplification' section of the unit content in Units 2 and 4 indicate where learners can draw on learning from other units. The grade learners receive for this unit is dependent upon their using learning from other units.

Cross-curricular links with other subjects

- Psychology
- Sociology
- Biology
- Law
- English Language / Literature

Useful links and resources to support learning

- WJEC Educational Resources Website
- Free Criminology resources | tutor2u
- Legislation.gov.uk
- Criminology Level 3 Flashcards & Quizzes

How can parents/carers support learning at home?

- Monitor pupils independent learning on Arbor and whether they are completing it.
- Encourage students to read around the current topic to consolidate learning
- Ensure that students stick to NEA deadlines and don't fall behind
- Liaise with teachers over any concerns
- Watch and discuss crime & justice documentaries.

Studying Criminology is helpful if you are thinking about careers in:

- Forensic Psychology
- Law Enforcement
- Prison service
- Civil service
- Education
- Legal profession
- Fraud Analytics
- Business (particularly Human resources)
- Academia
- Social worker
- Border Force
- Local government