

WJEC APPLIED DIPLOMA IN CRIMINOLOGY

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5 GCSE GRADE 4 OR ABOVE

“I’VE MADE AN INCREDIBLE GROUP OF FRIENDS, SOME THAT I SHARE COURSES WITH AND SOME THAT I DON’T. WE TREAT EACH OTHER AND CARE FOR EACH OTHER EQUALLY. I COULDN’T ASK FOR ANY BETTER FROM ANYONE, IT SIMPLY WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO ACHIEVE.

S6C STUDENT

TOPICS STUDIED

- **Changing Awareness of Crime**
Develop an understanding of the different types of crime, influences on the perceptions of crime and why some crimes are not reported;
- **Criminological Theories**
Gain an understanding of why people commit crimes;
- **Crime Scene to Courtroom**
Learn about the criminal justice system, from the moment a crime has been identified to the verdict. You will also develop the understanding and skills needed to examine information in order to review the justice of verdicts in criminal cases;
- **Crime and Punishment**
Apply your understanding of the awareness of criminality, criminological theories and the process of bringing an accused to court in order to evaluate the effectiveness of social control to deliver criminal justice policy.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

An understanding of criminology is relevant to all kinds of roles within the criminal justice sector, social and probation work, sociology and psychology. This Applied General qualification has been designed primarily to support you in progressing to university, offering exciting and interesting experiences through applied learning - the acquisition of knowledge and understanding in purposeful contexts linked to the criminal justice system. It is likely to be studied alongside A Levels, as part of a programme of study with vocational qualifications in Law, and includes elements of psychology, law and sociology that complement studies in Humanities.

You will learn real case studies alongside considering how the use and application of your learning impacts you, other individuals, employers, society and the environment. You will develop: the 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.

If university isn’t for you, this course will allow you to consider a career in aspects of the criminal justice system such as the National Probation Service, the Courts and Tribunals Service or the National Offender Management Service.

50 % EXAMS
50 % COURSEWORK

UP TO 56 UCAS POINTS