



# Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology

## AIMS OF THE COURSE

The Level 3 Diploma in Criminology has elements of psychology, law and sociology that complement studies in humanities. The main purpose is for the subject to support applications to universities in criminology or similar subjects such as law, psychology or sociology. Students will be provided with the opportunity to develop their communication and critical evaluation skills alongside acquiring a good knowledge of people skills.

## COURSE CONTENT

The Level 3 Diploma in Criminology offers exciting and interesting experiences through the acquisition of knowledge and understanding in purposeful contexts linked to the criminal justice system.

In Year 12, students cover changing awareness of crime in a piece of controlled assessment looking at types of crime, reasons for crime, and the media's input to crime. They will also learn about criminological theories, sitting a 90 minute exam at the end of the year.

In Year 13 students will complete a second piece of controlled assessment focusing on the crime scene to the courtroom. This piece of work will consider who is involved in criminal investigations, what are the techniques used, trials and evidence in court and the rights of the witnesses, suspects and victims. Students will also sit a 90 minute exam on crime and punishment, which investigates the criminal justice system, the types of punishment and allows students the opportunity to consider whether different types of punishment can really have a positive effect on an offender.

## SKILLS REQUIRED

Learners must have an interest in the criminal justice system. This course would suit students who have a thirst for knowledge, are independent enquirers and creative thinkers. Good time management and the ability to write coherently are essential for the assessment requirements of this course.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

An understanding of criminology is relevant to many job roles within the criminal justice sector, including police officers, probation and prison officers, and social workers. With their critical thinking, analytical and communication skills, criminology graduates are also attractive to employers outside the criminal justice sector in areas such as social research and politics.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The minimum entry requirements for Level 3 applied programmes.