



Nether Stowe School

Inspiring, Empowering and Achieving Together

Applied Diploma in Criminology

Exam Board - WJEC

Course Summary

WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Criminology will allow students to demonstrate understanding of different types of crime, influences on perceptions of crime and why some crime goes unreported. It will continue by looking at why people commit crime, and how the criminal justice system works from arrest to conviction, lastly it will allow learners to develop an 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.

Units

Unit 1 – Changing awareness of crime

An understanding of different types of crime, influences on perceptions of crime and why some crimes are unreported.

Unit 2 – Criminological Theories

An understanding of why people commit crime

Unit 3 – Crime scene to courtroom

An understanding of the criminal justice system from the moment a crime has been identified to the verdict.

Unit 4 – Crime and punishment

Applying the understanding gained in unit 1 – 3 to assess the effectiveness of social control to deliver criminal justice policy

Assessment

Unit 1 – Internally assessed through coursework

Unit 2 – Externally assessed through 90-minute exam 75 marks

Unit 3 – Internally assessed through coursework

Unit 4 – Externally assessed through 90-minute exam 75 marks

Career Opportunities

Further study beyond sixth form would allow for a path into many careers. Criminology encourages students to adopt an enquiring, critical and reflective approach to the study of crime whilst reflecting on and developing their own values, opinions and attitudes in the light of their learning. Therefore, this subject lends itself well to careers such as Crime scene investigator, Police officer, Prison officer, Probation officer, Social worker, Youth worker and many more

Complementing subjects; Sociology, Psychology.

