



CRIMINOLOGY

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Criminology is the fascinating study of crime—why it happens, who commits it, and how society responds. This course dives into the psychology, sociology, and law behind criminal behaviour. You'll explore how crime is defined, how it's portrayed in the media, and how justice is delivered. Expect to challenge assumptions, debate real-world issues, and develop sharp analytical skills.

Course Aims

- Understand the social construction of crime and criminal behaviour.
- Explore the criminal justice system and how it operates in England and Wales.
- Develop critical thinking, argumentation, and evaluation skills.
- Learn how to design campaigns for change around crime-related issues.

WHAT WILL YOU STUDY?

- Crime and the Media: How reporting shapes public perception.
- Campaigns for Change: Plan your own campaign around a crime-related issue.
- Theories of Criminality: Explore psychological and sociological explanations.
- Criminal Investigations: Examine real case studies and investigative processes.
- Justice and Punishment: Understand sentencing, social control, and rehabilitation.

HOW WILL MY WORK BE ASSESSED?

- Equivalent to one full A Level.
- 4 units: Two written exams (25% each) + Two controlled assessments (25% each).
- Exams are externally marked; assessments are teacher-marked.

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

Criminology opens doors to careers in:

- Police, Probation & Prison Services
- Social Work & Youth Work
- Law & Legal Professions
- Community Development
- Psychology & Sociology

Many students go on to study Criminology, Law, or Social Sciences at university.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Full entry requirements can be found on our website. Please ensure you check these as some courses have subject specific requirements that must be met in addition to the general entry requirements to join our Sixth Form.

QUALIFICATION: Level 3 Diploma

EXAM BOARD: WJEC

COURSE LEADER:
Mrs Connor

