

The Osborne Sixth Form

Criminology



Applied Diploma

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Why study Criminology?

Criminology is a dynamic and exciting subject which brings together aspects of sociology, psychology, law and forensic science. Tapping into your curiosity and critical thinking skills, you will explore topics such as why people commit crime, policing, social control, punishment and the criminal justice system. The course supports you in becoming effective, engaged and employable, equipping you for the workplace, an apprenticeship or university. The course is equivalent to one A Level and can be studied alongside other A Level subjects or together with other vocational courses.

What skills will I develop?

The applied criminology course will allow learners to learn in such a way that they develop:

- Skills required for independent learning and development
- A range of generic and transferable skills such as essay writing and how to produce a balanced argument
- The ability to solve problems
- The skills of project based research, development and presentation
- The ability to apply learning in vocational contexts.

What will I study?

In Year 12, students get to learn about different types of crimes, explanations for why people commit crime and how we deal with criminals. They also study real life examples of high profile crimes and learn about the media campaigns that arise from them, which aim to change the law.

In Year 13, students look at what happens at the scene of a crime, the forensic and police investigation process, how cases are prepared for trial and what happens in the courtroom at a criminal trial. They also look at our current forms of punishments, such as

prison sentences, and consider how effective these are for deterring criminals.

How will I be assessed?

There are four mandatory units that all students will be required to complete. Of these, Units 1 and 3 are assessed in school and Units 2 and 4 are assessed via externally set examinations. Students can be awarded pass grades from A*-E.

Unit number	Unit title
1	Changing Awareness of Crime
2	Criminological Theories
3	Crime Scene to Courtroom
4	Crime and Punishment

Where might it lead?

This course will support access to higher education degree courses such as BSc Criminology and BA Criminology. It also supports students towards studying related subjects such as Sociology, Psychology and Law.

Alternatively, the qualification allows learners to gain the required understanding and skills to be able to consider employment within many parts of the criminal justice system, e.g. the National Probation Service, the Courts and Tribunals Service, the Police or the National Offender Management Service.

What are the entry requirements?

Grade 4 in English Language and preferably also in a related subject such as Sociology or Psychology.