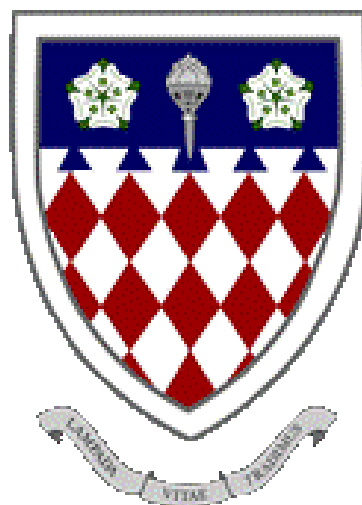


Spalding High School Sixth Form

Level 3 Diploma Criminology



Why Choose A Level Criminology?

Are you fascinated in why people commit crime? Are you curious about why some crimes are unreported or in how the media portray crime? Does the workings of the criminal justice system and crime policy interest you? Do you enjoy listening to, discussing and debating different viewpoints? If so then criminology will suit you.

The WJEC Diploma is an exciting introduction to criminology through applied learning i.e. through gaining understanding in purposeful contexts linked to the criminal justice system. It is a qualification with elements of psychology, law and sociology.

The WJEC Diploma in Criminology is due to start in September 2019, subject to sufficient interest.

What career paths might I follow with the Diploma in Criminology?

Criminology is relevant to many job roles within the criminal justice sector, social and probation work and sociology and psychology. Criminology students may choose to go on to study criminology, psychology, law or sociology at university.

Alternatively, the qualification allows learners to gain the required understanding and skills to consider employment within some aspects of the criminal justice system e.g. the National Probation Services, the Courts and Tribunals Service or the National Offender Management Service.

What is the content of the course and how is it assessed?

You will learn about different types of crime, why some crimes are unreported, how the media portray crime and how to raise awareness of crime. You will plan your own campaign for change relating to crime.

You will also learn different theoretical explanations of why people commit crime and how these are used to set policy. You will learn to support, challenge and evaluate expert opinion and gain the skills to apply theories to real life crimes.

You will learn about the criminal justice system and will gain the skills to review criminal cases to determine whether the verdict is safe and just. You will also gain the skills to evaluate the effectiveness of institutions that prevent and protect us from criminality.

| Content | Assessment |
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| Changing awareness of crime | Internal controlled assessment |
| Criminological theories | External examination |
| Crime scene to courtroom | Internal controlled assessment |
| Crime and punishment | External examination |

The external examinations will expect you to draw on knowledge from previous units studied as well as the main one it is assessing. They will include short and extended answer questions based on stimulus material with an applied problem-solving scenario.

The controlled assessment requires you to respond to a brief with an applied purpose by producing written and other evidence.

Specification

Exam Board— WJEC

<http://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/criminology/criminology-level-3-from-2015/index.html>

Entry requirements

GCSE Grade 5 or above in English Language or English Literature.

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