

# Study Programme

## Criminology (Level 3)



Bishop Laney  
Sixth Form

### QUALIFICATION

Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology

### WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE THIS STUDY PROGRAMME?

If you have an interest in the science behind criminal activity, this is an ideal course. The course will prepare you with a range of transferable skills and their application. The course is designed to offer exciting and interesting experiences that focus learning through applied theories; through the application of knowledge and understanding in purposeful contexts linked to the criminal justice system. The qualification would support learners' progression from any study at Level 2, particularly GCSEs in Sociology, Law, Psychology, Citizenship, History and Humanities.

### WHAT WILL I STUDY?

There are four mandatory units which make up the course. Two of these units are Externally assessed and two are internally assessed, through project work and assignments.

Externally assessed:

- Unit 1 – Changing Awareness of Crime  
Enables the learner to demonstrate understanding of different types of crime, influences on perceptions of crime and why some crimes are unreported
- Unit 3 – Crime Scene to Courtroom
- Provides an understanding of the criminal justice system from the moment a crime has been identified to the verdict. Learners will develop the understanding and skills needed to examine information in order to review the justice of verdicts in criminal cases.

Internally Assessed

- Unit 2 – Criminological Theories  
Allows learners to gain an understanding of why people commit crime, drawing on what they have learned in Unit 1.
- Unit 4 – Crime and Punishment  
Apply understanding of the 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

### WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?

This qualification could lead to Higher Education Degree Courses, or support applications into the services. Across universities, there are a number of Criminology degree courses, which can be combined with Psychology or Sociology. Within the line of work, it can lead to opportunities of employment within the justice system through many roles.

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### WHAT WILL BE EXPECTED OF ME?

- Read and research
- Keep a record of the information you find and the sources
- Plan your work in a logical order and keep a record of your progress
- Talk to your teachers about your ideas and how to achieve the best results
- Produce drafts and final copies of your work
- Produce good quality work with high standards of grammar and spelling
- Present your work in a suitable format according to the purpose and the audience
- Evaluate your work and make suggestions for improvement
- Meet deadlines
- Keep a record of the work you have completed, including the grades and points you have been awarded

### WHO WILL BE INVOLVED?

Mainly your class teacher and the course leader will be involved in the delivery of the course and organising visits and guest speakers.

Working with the police, forensics' teams and the internal science department will be in place to develop the knowledge required.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least 5 GCSE Grades 9 – 4 or equivalent to include English.