

## POST 16 SUBJECT OVERVIEW

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**Name of Subject** - Criminology

**Which Examination Specification is Studied for this Course?**

WJEC

**Why should I study this course?**

Studying criminology develops your understanding of the social and personal aspects of crime, victimisation and responses to crime and deviance. Criminology gives you an increased awareness of aspects of politics and psychology, developing critical thinking skills and your understanding of the wider world.

**Who is suitable to study this course?**

Those wanting to study Criminology at university would benefit from this A-level, as would those students who are interested in studying other social sciences, such as psychology and sociology.

**What GCSE Qualifications Support the Study of this Course?**

GCSE Level 5 in English

**What are the Qualification Requirements for this Course?**

GCSE Level 5 in English

**How is the Course Delivered?**

The course is delivered over 5 hours per week, with year 12 focussing on attaining the certificate and year 13 focussing on the full diploma.

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Half Term	Year 12	Year 13
Autumn 1	Changing awareness of crime	Crime scene to courtroom

<b>Autumn 2</b>	Changing awareness of crime	Crime scene to courtroom
<b>Spring 1</b>	Criminological Theories	Crime and punishment
<b>Spring 2</b>	Criminological Theories	Crime and punishment
<b>Summer 1</b>	Criminological Theories	Crime and punishment
<b>Summer 2</b>	Revision	Revision

### **How is the Course Assessed?**

Each year is assessed in the form of a piece of coursework and an exam. The coursework is done over a set number of hours in an exam room, but can be supported with your own notes. The coursework is usually done around Christmas time and the exam will follow in the summer.

### **What is our Recommended Subject Reading list to Support your Study?**

The Oxford Handbook of Criminology, Tim Newburn's Key Readings on Criminology, Criminology, and Handbook of Policing, any Criminology Justice Books, John Muncies' Youth Crime etc.