

Criminology Course Outline

Award Received:

NPA Level 5 Criminology

Entry Requirements:

- Pupils in S4 can take this course if they have a background in Social Subjects and have been recommended by their Social Subjects teacher.
- For pupils in S5/6, this course is a progression from the National 3/4 Social Subjects course.

Course Content:

Unit 1: Crime in the Community

Pupils will gain a broad understanding of the roles and powers of the police nationally as well in the local area. They will also learn about the different categories of crime in Scotland as well as how police manage these categories of crime in the local area. They will look at how crime is reported by media in the local area and analyse the language used and how that shapes perceptions of crime in the community.

Unit 2: History and Development of Criminology

Pupils will gain an understanding into the different theories of crime and how these have evolved throughout history. Pupils will learn to describe and evaluate each theory and apply these to criminal case studies to broaden their understanding. They will learn about classical, biological, sociological and psychological theories.

Unit 3: Crime Scenes

Pupils will be able to discuss the protocols active at a crime scene, as well as describe the different types of evidence present at a crime scene. They will also be able explain what psychological evidence is and discuss the differences between organised and disorganised criminals from psychological evidence left at crime scenes. Pupils will apply this knowledge and their skills to try and gather evidence from example crime scenes.

Teaching Methods: How will I learn?

In Criminology, you will learn in a variety of ways including individual work, group work and whole class activities. Lessons will develop skills that you will use in college/university and later life, including critical thinking, analysis and evaluation. You will also develop your literacy skills.

Assessment: How will I be assessed?

This course is assessed internally. You will need to complete several unit outcomes that are marked by your teacher. These will be a mix of open-book and closed-book assessments. There is no final exam in this course.