



**RICHARD
TAUNTON**
Sixth Form College

CRIMINOLOGY

CRIMINOLOGY HELPS US UNDERSTAND WHY PEOPLE COMMIT CRIMES, THEIR MOTIVATIONS, AND INVESTIGATES WHETHER IT IS POSSIBLE TO PREDICT CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR. THIS DIVERSE AND PRACTICAL COURSE TAKES A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO UNDERSTANDING THE CAUSES OF CRIMINALITY AND THE ROLE OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. YOU WILL APPLY THEORIES OF CRIMINALITY TO REAL LIFE CASES, AND EXPLORE HOW CHANGES CAN BE MADE IN CRIMINAL LAW AND SOCIAL POLICY.

TOPICS YOU'LL COVER

YEAR ONE

- Changing awareness of crime
- Impact of the media on crime
- Methods and evaluation of collecting information about crime
- Criminological theories
- Criminal and deviant behaviour
- Social change and policy.

YEAR TWO

- Criminal Justice System
- Examination of verdicts in criminal cases
- The role of personnel in criminal investigations
- Processing and rules of evidence
- The rights of the individual and the Crown Prosecution Service
- Social control and law-making processes
- Models of justice and aims of punishment.

ASSESSMENT

CONTROLLED ASSESSMENT: Two 8 hour controlled assessments (25% each)

EXAM: Two 1.5 hour exam (25% each)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English Language.

PROGRESSION POSSIBILITIES

CAREERS: Police force, forensic services, social worker, lawyer, criminologist, legal professions.

UNIVERSITY STUDY: Law, Sociology, Applied Science, Criminology, History, Politics, Public Services, Forensics.

SKILLS DEVELOPED

Extended writing, theoretical analysis, application of and to criminal cases.

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Behind Bars Conference at college
- Guest Speakers for law or other related careers (previous talks include police, magistrates).

QUALIFICATION

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA

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CURRENT EXAM BOARD

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CURIOUS ABOUT... CRIMINOLOGY?



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Additional Information: You will be required to pay a course fee of £20 for materials and resources used in the course. If there are any issues with being able to pay these costs, please contact Richard Taunton Sixth Form College. A breakdown of the course contributions can be found on our website.

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