**Curriculum Information**

Did you know that criminology could be argued to reach as far back as ancient Greece? Classical philosophers even weighed in on the debate, with Plato arguing that crime and criminals can stem from environmental factors, and Aristotle discussing the merits of punishment as discouragement for the general public.

Are your favourite true crime podcasts and documentaries just not in-depth enough for you? Do you tend to think past the good vs. evil dichotomy that can frame an average discussion around crime?

If you want a career that will make a direct impact on people's lives, you can combine your passion and interests in a number of ways, as well as digging deep into a rich subject along the way.

The WJEC Level 3 Certificate in Criminology has been designed to provide learners with underpinning knowledge, understanding and skills to progress to further study and training. The Certificate is designed to complement study in related subjects such as A level Sociology, Law and Psychology, and provide an insight into the subject area with a view to further study or training in related subjects. It offers exciting and interesting experiences that focus learning for 16-19 year-old learners and adult learners through applied learning, i.e. through the acquisition of knowledge and understanding in purposeful contexts linked to the criminal justice system. Although there are no formal entry requirements, the qualification supports progression from Level 2, particularly GCSEs in Sociology, Law, Psychology, Citizenship, History and Humanities. The qualification is generally delivered over two years and is likely to be studied in schools or colleges alongside GCE A Levels and other Level 3 vocational qualifications.

**A Level Criminology specification:** WJEC Level 3

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