Carshalton Boys Level 3

Criminology



Criminology is an Applied General qualification. Criminology is the scientific study of crime, criminal behaviour and the criminal justice system. Each unit within the qualification has an applied purpose which acts as a focus for the learning in the unit. The applied purpose requires that learning be related to authentic case studies. The applied purpose will also allow students to learn in such a way that they develop:

- skills required for independent learning and development;
- a range of generic and transferable skills;
- the ability to solve problems;
- the skills of project-based research, development and presentation;
- the fundamental ability to work alongside other professionals, in a professional environment;
- the ability to apply learning in vocational contexts.

Lessons will involve a range of different activities such as: lectures, discussions and group presentations. It is imperative that reading around the topics is completed.

The Level 3 Certificate, studied in Year 12, can be followed by the Diploma course in Year 13. The Diploma in Criminology could lead to work with employers such as the National Probation Service, the Courts and Tribunals Service, or the National Offender Management Service. The Diploma is equivalent to one A Level.

ASSESSMENT and CONTENT
There is no coursework in either the Certificate or Diploma courses.

Assessment:
50% Controlled Assessment and 50% Examination

Content:
Certificate
Unit 1: Changing Awareness of Crime
Unit 2: Criminology Theories

Diploma
Unit 3: Crime Scene to Courtroom
Unit 4: Crime and Punishment

Areas that are covered include:
- How does media shape public perceptions of crime?
- What different types of crime are there (eg white collar, hate crime etc)?
- What types of punishment are there?
- Which people are involved in investigating crime?
- What is the process of prosecuting suspects?

The course requirements...

Level 5 or above in English Language, strong evidence of both extended writing in humanities or social sciences (eg History, Psychology, Geography) and the ability to produce strong coursework.