

Criminology curriculum Learning Journey



St Michael's Catholic School

You will experience a variety of ways of learning and will be able to develop skills (like analysis, evaluation and debate) that will help you after your 6th form life



External Exam: 1 hour and 30 minutes testing knowledge across the curriculum



Ready to further your career into the world of criminology?

Use your Criminology Level 3 Diploma to get into a degree course or career such as Teaching, Social work, Law, Police etc.

Controlled Assessment

Based on Unit 3, internal exam will be 8 hours in length and will form 25% of your final grade.



Unit 4: Crime and punishment

Understand the CJS in England and Wales
Role of punishment in CJS
Measures of social control

Topics to study:

- process of law-making
- Models of criminal justice
- Aims of punishment
- Agencies in social control

You will deepen your understanding about what crime is, why do people commit crimes and how does the judicial system work in England and Wales. This course will develop your knowledge and skills ready for university



Topics to study:

- Techniques of investigations
- Use of evidence in courts
- How to draw conclusions from investigations

Knowledge check test



Unit 3: crime scene to courtroom

Understand process of criminal investigations
Review criminal cases

External exam - 1 hour and 30 mins 3 sections Each section is worth 25 marks. Each scenario will be divided into a series of smaller questions, carrying different marks. The external exam is worth 25% of your overall grade.

Year 13

Controlled Assessment

Based on Unit 1, internal exam to evaluate and analyse different types of crime. Design your own campaign for change. This assessment will be 8 hours in length and will form 25% of your final grade.

Unit 2: Criminological Theories

LO1: Understand social construction of criminality. LO2: Know theories of criminality LO3: Understand causes of criminality LO4: Understand causes of policy change.

Topics to study:

- Social construction of crime
- Causes of criminality
- Policy changes

Who will I study?

Case studies such as - Fred West, Robert Napper, Nick Leeson, The Jamie Bulger case

Revision: Revision must be completed throughout the course and not crammed at the end. Don't forget, unit 1 topics could be asked!

How will I be assessed?

WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology: controlled assessment each year and an external exam each year. The external exams are synoptic and could ask you about any element of the course.

What kinds of topics are in year one?:

In Year 12, you will study different types of crimes and criminological theories surrounding it

Unit 1: The Changing Awareness of Crime

Understand the public perception of crime. How are campaigns used to change the law Plan a campaign for change.



Year 12



Skills: During these topics you will develop your evaluative and analytical skills, as well as using these in debate.

Department Intent: The Criminology curriculum intends to enlighten students to the changing awareness of crime, criminological theories behind criminality, process from crime scene to courtroom and the modern issues with crime and punishment. The curriculum enables students to understand the Criminal Justice System which impacts on their own behaviour and conduct in UK society.