Subject: Criminology

Kay Stage 5 Curriculum Plan

Year: 12

Department Information:

WJEC Level 3 Diploma Criminology 8 lessons a fortnight, home learning expectation to complete wider reading as provided by the department.

Criminology teachers:
Mr Aston – Head of department for Psychology and Criminology
Ms Brennan

Curriculum aims and intent:

In Year 12 & 13, students follow the WJEC Level 3 Diploma specification.

Across two years, the course covers four units, two per year. Unit 1 & 3 are assessed via controlled assessment, unit 2 & 4 are assessed via a traditional exam.

Students will explore various aspects of Criminology as the course aims to give them as wide an understanding as possible. They will explore reasons and theories behind criminality, the representation of crime in the media, before a journey to crime scene to courtroom, including aspects of forensics and the process of law. Their final unit examines the agencies in the criminal justice system. The intent is to equip students with the skills to critically analyse and evaluate evidence investigate perceptions of crime, and understand the impact of crime on society.

Assessment:

Unit 1 will be assessed incrementally as assessment criteria are completed in the context of building notes for their controlled assessment. As such, they will be assessed on ACs from learning objective 1 until October, and on their practice campaign for learning objective 3 up until Christmas. Their controlled assessment will be done in January.
Unit 2 assessment – LO1 assessed in February out of 35.
LO2 assessed in March out of 35.
Unit 2 mock in April out of 75.

Resources used to support learning:

Students will also be provided with a reading list in their first week of study.

Home Learning:

Home learning for controlled assessment units 1 & 3 is typically compiling and refining notes. Part of this will include completing research on relevant case studies.
Home learning for exam units 2 & 4 can involve reviewing assessment questions in green pen, completing exam questions, and recall and retrieval tasks, such as short quizzes.

How parents can help their child:

Purchase the A-Level textbooks and books on the reading list provided to students.

Ensure students have the equipment to keep organised folders – folders, file dividers, etc.

Regularly conduct folder checks to ensure students are keeping and adding to notes in preparation for controlled assessment.

Term	Summary of work being covered	Knowledge, Understanding and skills assessed	How the work is assessed	Career Links
1	Unit 1: Changing awareness of crime	Types of crime, why crimes go unreported and the consequences, media representation of crime, perceptions of crime, statistical records of crime	Topic tests drawn from pre-existing WJEC exam or controlled assessment material	PCSO, Social worker, Youth worker, Journalist, Campaign coordinator
2	Unit 1: Changing awareness of crime	Campaigns on crime, evaluating methods of campaigning, creating and designing a campaign for change	Topic tests drawn from pre-existing WJEC exam or controlled assessment material	PCSO, Social worker, Youth worker, Journalist, Campaign coordinator
3	Unit 2: Criminological theories	Biological theories of crime, biological policies for crime control and treatment, individualistic theories and policies	Topic tests drawn from pre-existing WJEC exam or controlled assessment material	Criminologist, Forensic psychologist, youth offending officer, behaviour analyst
4	Unit 2: Criminological theories	Sociological theories and policies, analysing scenarios of crime	Topic tests drawn from pre-existing WJEC exam or controlled assessment material	Criminologist, Forensic psychologist, youth offending officer, behaviour analyst
5	Unit 2: Criminological theories	Campaigns and pressure groups, social changes impacting on policy development	Topic tests drawn from pre-existing WJEC exam or controlled assessment material	Criminologist, Forensic psychologist, youth offending officer, behaviour analyst
6	Unit 3: Crime scene to courtroom	Personnel and techniques used in criminal investigations	Topic tests drawn from pre-existing WJEC exam or controlled assessment material	Police officer, scenes of crime officer, CPS caseworker