Subject: Criminology

Kay Stage 5 Curriculum Plan

Year: 13

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:

n 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 3 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 learning objectives 2 and 3 up until the end of November. Their controlled assessment will be done in December.
Unit 4 assessment – LO1 assessed in January out of 35.
LO2 assessed in March out of 35.
Unit 4 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 3: Crime scene to courtroom	Collection of evidence, rights of victims, suspects and witnesses, influences on court outcomes	Topic tests drawn from pre-existing WJEC exam or controlled assessment material	Police officer, scenes of crime officer, CPS caseworker
2	Unit 3: Crime scene to courtroom	The process of law, examining information for validity, assessing just verdicts, safe verdicts, just sentencing, and miscarriages of justice	Topic tests drawn from pre-existing WJEC exam or controlled assessment material	Police officer, scenes of crime officer, CPS caseworker
3	Unit 4: Crime and punishment	Parliamentary law making, judicial precedent, models of justice, internal and external forms of social control	Topic tests drawn from pre-existing WJEC exam or controlled assessment material	Prison officer, probation officer, policy advisor, CJS worker, civil servant
4	Unit 4: Crime and punishment	Forms and aims of punishment, agencies in the criminal justice system – police, CPS, prison, probation, judiciary, charities and pressure groups	Topic tests drawn from pre-existing WJEC exam or controlled assessment material	Prison officer, probation officer, policy advisor, CJS worker, civil servant
5	Unit 4: Crime and punishment	Crime prevention through environmental design, crimes committed by those with a moral imperative, evaluating to the extent agencies can achieve social control	Topic tests drawn from pre-existing WJEC exam or controlled assessment material	Prison officer, probation officer, policy advisor, CJS worker, civil servant
6	Revision			