

Y12 ROADMAP – CRIMINOLOGY

Subject Aim: An understanding of criminology is relevant to many job roles within the criminal justice sector, social and probation work and sociology and psychology.

WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology is a qualification with elements of psychology, law and sociology that complements studies in humanities.

TERM 1

Unit 1: L01- How has awareness of crime changed? perception of criminality-

In this unit you will consider how we define crime and deviance as well as examining different types of crime. You will also look at specific examples of crimes, who is most likely to be the victim and offender in different crime types and why crimes are treated differently in different countries.

TERM 2

Unit 1: L02 What are campaigns for change?

In this short unit you will look at the aims of campaigns for change and how groups use different media and materials to promote their campaigns to the public.

TERM 3

Unit 1: L03 –How do I plan a campaign for change?

In this unit you will learn to plan and design your own campaign for change in preparation for your Controlled Assessment. This is worth 25% of the grade for the Diploma. You will learn to design materials, work out finance and timelines and justify your choice of campaign.

TERM 4

Unit 2: What are Criminological Theories?

This unit prepares you for the unit 2 exam which you will sit at the end of year 12. In this unit you will learn about a range of theories which aim to explain the existence of crime. You will begin to evaluate these theories and consider what impact they may have on policy making. You will also learn to apply criminological theories to case studies, looking at how different perspectives explain criminality and deviance.

TERM 5

Finally, you will use your knowledge from Unit 1 to consider how the campaigns for change you have already studied have influenced government policy, including changes in the law, changes to police priorities or raising awareness of specific crimes.

TERM 6

ASSESSMENT

- Most lessons will test your knowledge using a variety of activities including Knowledge Tests, retrieval activities and multiple choice quizzes
- Unit 1 will be examined with an 8 hour controlled assessment. This is usually completed around term 3 and is worth 25% of your overall grade.
- Unit 2 is assessed with an external exam paper sat towards the end of year 12. This is also worth 25% of your overall grade.

INDEPENDENT LEARNING

- Knowledge Organisers are expected to be used weekly to support the learning and recap of key vocabulary as the course progresses.
- There will be opportunities to conduct your own research in to case studies to support your knowledge of campaigns in unit 1.
- You will be provided with folder checklists and are expected to keep your notes organised as this will be essential for success in the controlled assessment..

ENRICHMENT

- Students are encouraged to keep up to date with current events.
- Students are also invited on a trip to London to visit the Houses of Parliament and the Supreme Court.

What Next?

Once completed, you will then progress onto Y13 where you will begin studying Units 3 and 4 focusing on how crimes are investigated from crime scene to courtroom.