Criminology

CANNOCK CHASE HIGH SCHOOL
ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL

Course: WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology

Entry Requirements
Five GCSEs at Grade 9-4 Inc. English and Maths required.

Course Content
Criminology is the study of criminal behaviour and how it can be managed, controlled and prevented. On this course, you'll learn about all aspects of crime from a social perspective: the causes of crime, its social impact and take a look into the criminals that are committing these acts.

Unit 1: Changing awareness of crime 25% (Internally assessed: controlled assessment)
Why do crimes go unreported?
How does the media alter our perceptions of crimes?
Public awareness of crime.

Unit 2: Criminological theories 25% (Externally assessed)
What 'makes' a criminal? Is it biology, individual or social factors?
Causes of policy changes on crime.

Unit 3: Crime scene to court room 25% (Internally Assessed: controlled assessment)
The role of the police and the courts in the criminal justice system.
Miscarriages of justice.
How is evidence examined?

Unit 4: Crime and punishment 25% (Externally Assessed)
How are laws created in the UK?
What is the aim of punishment?
Analysis of different forms of social control.

Career Progression
The course offers a good basis for a varied range of courses and careers and is relevant to many job roles within the criminal justice sector, social and probation work, as well as Sociology and Psychology.

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