

Applied Diploma in **CRIMINOLOGY**



Opportunities

Students studying Criminology are taught by subject specialists.

Learning is enhanced by a trip to a public gallery in **Liverpool Crown and Magistrates' Courts, Shrewsbury Prison** and the **Crime House** at Edge Hill University.

Links with, and visits to, local universities help to raise aspiration and help to give students the tools to be successful at A-level.

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Investigate Criminology!

- Analyse crime reporting and the public perception of criminality.
- Explore what motivates criminal behaviour.
- Track the process of a criminal investigation from crime scene to courtroom.
- Evaluate how society punishes criminals.

Why study this course at Bellerive FCJ Sixth Form?

Criminology is a course for anyone with an enquiring mind. Students learn about criminological theories, analysing criminal situations and making recommendations for policy. They can also develop the knowledge and skills to research policy in practice, assess campaigns for changes in awareness and examine information to review verdicts in criminal cases. The qualification includes elements of psychology, law and sociology and is designed to support students in progressing onto university.

Subject teachers are well qualified, enthusiastic, experienced, and caring. The department is well equipped with the resources needed for studies to be successful, e.g. up to date textbooks, work booklets, exam practice materials and enrichment trips to enhance understanding.

‘Criminology students are the torchbearers of justice, igniting a flame that burns brightly in the face of adversity.’

‘In the pursuit of justice, criminology students become the architects of a safer society.’





What will I study?

- Different types of crime and campaigns to change awareness of crime
- Criminological Theories
- Techniques of investigation
- The Court System and the role of CPS
- The forms and aim of punishment
- The role of agencies in the Criminal Justice System

How will I be assessed?

Controlled Assessment and exam in Year 12 and Year 13, equally weighted.

Can I take this course if I have not taken it at GCSE?

Yes! It's not available at GCSE. Students would need to demonstrate an aptitude and passion for the subject.

What can the course lead on to?

The number of students studying Criminology at 6th form and university has significantly increased (Middlesex University Research Repository).

Each unit within the qualification has an applied purpose which acts as a focus for the learning in the unit. The applied purpose demands learning related to authentic case studies. It also requires learners to consider how the use and application of their learning impacts on themselves, other individuals, employers, society and the environment.

Many students continue their studies in Criminology further at university, sometimes combining them with psychology, law or sociology with the aim of working within the Criminal Justice System. *There is no such thing as a 'Criminology job', but there are many jobs that CRIMINOLOGISTS do.*

What have previous students said about this subject?

'Having not studied Criminology before, I have enjoyed learning content which is thought-provoking, and I truly believe that it is a great qualification with elements of psychology, law, and sociology. As I was interested in all these elements and I could only choose one subject, choosing criminology was my best decision!' **Manolya H**

