



Criminology Curriculum Overview

Curriculum intent: In Applied Criminology pupils at Wednesfield Academy will gain a clear understanding of explanations, policies and procedures surrounding crime. They will develop critical thinking skills and as a result will be able to make judgements on what works best to reduce crime in society. The pupils will become confident at looking at things from a range of viewpoints and using evidence to back up these ideas. Pupils will also become more informed citizens in relation to the law and legal implications of different behaviours. Finally, it will also help them prepare for further education in terms of wider reading and understanding of society, as well as appreciating that human behaviour has different causes.

Curriculum rationale: Criminology is the scientific study of the nature causes, control and consequences of criminal behaviour. It examines why crime is committed focusing on biological, psychological and sociological explanations, as well as how the criminal justice system works and how crime leads to social policy change. Criminology will enable learners to demonstrate understanding of different types of crime, influences on perceptions of crime and why some crimes are unreported. Pupils also gain an understanding of why people commit crime.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 12	Unit 1: Changing Awareness of Crime	Unit 1: Changing Awareness of Crime Unit 1 Controlled Assessment	Unit 2: Criminological Theories	Unit 2: Criminological Theories	Revision	Unit 3: Crime Scene to Courtroom
Year 13	Unit 3: Crime Scene to Courtroom	Unit 3: Crime Scene to Courtroom Unit 3 Controlled Assessment Unit 1 Controlled Assessment Re-Sit	Unit 4: Crime and Punishment Unit 3 Controlled Assessment Re-Sit	Unit 4: Crime and Punishment	Revision	Revision

Key Stage 5

- **Exam Board Spec:** [Criminology Level 3 | Edugas](#)
- **Sample Papers:** [Criminology Level 3 | Edugas](#)
- **Revision guide:** [WJEC Applied Cert & Dip Level 3 Criminology Study & Revision Guide \(illuminatepublishing.com\)](#)