

Year 13 Criminology Curriculum Rationale

The course is naturally progressive throughout the 4 units, with some aspects of curriculum building throughout the 4 units. Therefore, we have chosen to follow the order of the units as planning in the Criminology specification. In year 13, students complete the Controlled Assessment Unit 3: Crime Scene to Courtroom (25% of final qualification): through this unit, learners will develop the understanding and skills needed to examine information in order to review the justice of verdicts in criminal cases. They also study Unit 4 (25% of final qualitication): Crime and Punishment: the purpose of this unit is for learners to develop skills in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the process of social control in delivering policy in practice.

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Unit 3: 1. Understand the process of criminal investigations. 1.1 Evaluate the effectiveness of the roles of personnel involved in criminal investigations	Personnel	Learners should have an understanding of the roles of the personnel involved and be able to evaluate their effectiveness in criminal investigations. The effectiveness should be considered in the context of potential limitations: • cost • expertise • availability	End of section practice timed responses using assessment criteria to prepare for demands of controlled assessment	Key word focus to develop literacy. Students to apply knowledge to unfamiliar scenarios to build confidence and understanding and develop skills at explaining links PSHE links through analysis of legal definitions and procedures and application to real life examples	Precision (work effectively within rules of the domain) See alternative perspectives (take on views of others and deal with complexity and ambiguity) VAAs - Enquiring	Homework set regularly for most lessons. Further Reading: Individual research of related cases Preparation of independent notes to use in controlled assessment as ongoing and regularly checked homework task
				FBV – Individual liberties/ self-		



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				responsibility linked to understanding the rule of law		
Unit 3: 1. Understand the process of criminal investigations. 1.2 Assess the usefulness of investigative techniques in criminal investigations	Techniques: • forensic • surveillance techniques • profiling techniques • use of intelligence databases, e.g. National DNA Database • interview techniques e.g. eye witness interviews, expert interviews Criminal investigations: • situations - crime scene; laboratory; police station; 'street' • types of crime: violent crime; e-	Learners should have an understanding of the range of investigative techniques and assess their usefulness in a range of different types of criminal investigations, considering situations and types of crime.	End of section practice timed responses using assessment criteria to prepare for demands of controlled assessment	Key word focus to develop literacy. Students to apply knowledge to unfamiliar scenarios to build confidence and understanding and develop skills at explaining links PSHE links through analysis of legal definitions and procedures and application to real life examples	Critical and Logical Thinking (ability to deduct, hypothesise, reason, seek supporting evidence) Intellectual confidence (articulate personal views based on evidence) VAAs – Open Minded Precision- use of specific knowledge when describing techniques	Homework set regularly for most lessons. Further Reading: Individual research of related cases Preparation of independent notes to use in controlled assessment as ongoing and regularly checked homework task
	crime; property crime			FBV – Individual liberties/ self-responsibility linked to		



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				understanding the rule of law		
Unit 3: 1. Understand the process of criminal investigations. 1.3 Explain how evidence is processed	Types of evidence: • physical evidence • testimonial evidence Process: • collection • transfer • storage • analysis • personnel involved	Learners should have an understanding of the different types of evidence and how they are collected and processed. Learners should explore how different types of evidence were processed through a range of case studies, e.g. Barry George, Sally Clarke, Angela Cannings, Amanda Knox.	End of section practice timed responses using assessment criteria to prepare for demands of controlled assessment	Key word focus to develop literacy. Students to apply knowledge to unfamiliar scenarios to build confidence and understanding and develop skills at explaining links PSHE links through analysis of legal definitions and procedures and application to real life examples FBV – Individual liberties/ self-responsibility linked to understanding the rule of law	Critical and Logical Thinking (ability to evaluate using supporting evidence) Precision (work effectively within rules of the domain) See alternative perspectives (take on views of others and deal with complexity and ambiguity)	Homework set regularly for most lessons. Further Reading: Individual research of related cases Preparation of independent notes to use in controlled assessment as ongoing and regularly checked homework task



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Unit 3: 1. Understand the process of criminal investigations. 1.4 Examine the rights of individuals in criminal investigations	Individuals: • suspects • victims • witnesses	Learners should consider the rights of all individuals from investigation through to appeal.	End of section practice timed responses using assessment criteria to prepare for demands of controlled assessment	Key word focus to develop literacy. Students to apply knowledge to unfamiliar scenarios to build confidence and understanding and develop skills at explaining links PSHE links through analysis of legal definitions and procedures and application to real life examples FBV – Individual liberties/ self-responsibility linked to understanding the rule of law	Critical and Logical Thinking (ability to evaluate using supporting evidence) Precision (work effectively within rules of the domain) See alternative perspectives (take on views of others and deal with complexity and ambiguity)	Homework set regularly for most lessons. Further Reading: Individual research of related cases Preparation of independent notes to use in controlled assessment as ongoing and regularly checked homework task



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Unit 3: 2. Understand the process for prosecution of suspects 2.1 Explain the requirements of the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) for prosecuting suspects	Requirements:	Learners should have an understanding of the role of the CPS. Learners should explain the evidential and public interest tests in the decision to prosecute.	End of section practice timed responses using assessment criteria to prepare for demands of controlled assessment	Key word focus to develop literacy. Students to apply knowledge to unfamiliar scenarios to build confidence and understanding and develop skills at explaining links PSHE links through analysis of legal definitions and procedures and application to real life examples FBV – Individual liberties/ self-responsibility linked to understanding the rule of law	Critical and Logical Thinking (ability to evaluate using supporting evidence) Precision (work effectively within rules of the domain) See alternative perspectives (take on views of others and deal with complexity and ambiguity)	Homework set regularly for most lessons. Further Reading: Individual research of related cases Preparation of independent notes to use in controlled assessment as ongoing and regularly checked homework task



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Unit 3: 2. Understand the process for prosecution of suspects 2.2 Describe trial processes	Processes:	Learners should have knowledge of each of the stages of the trial process including the roles of the personnel involved.	End of section practice timed responses using assessment criteria to prepare for demands of controlled assessment	Key word focus to develop literacy. Students to apply knowledge to unfamiliar scenarios to build confidence and understanding and develop skills at explaining links PSHE links through analysis of legal definitions and procedures and application to real life examples FBV – Individual liberties/ self-responsibility linked to understanding the rule of law	Critical and Logical Thinking (ability to evaluate using supporting evidence) Precision (work effectively within rules of the domain) See alternative perspectives (take on views of others and deal with complexity and ambiguity)	Homework set regularly for most lessons. Further Reading: Individual research of related cases Preparation of independent notes to use in controlled assessment as ongoing and regularly checked homework task



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Unit 3: 2. Understand the process for prosecution of suspects 2.3 Understand rules in relation to the use of evidence in criminal cases	Rules of evidence: • relevance and admissibility • disclosure of evidence • hearsay rule and exceptions • legislation and case law	Learners should have an understanding of how evidence is used in court.	End of section practice timed responses using assessment criteria to prepare for demands of controlled assessment	Key word focus to develop literacy. Students to apply knowledge to unfamiliar scenarios to build confidence and understanding and develop skills at explaining links PSHE links through analysis of legal definitions and procedures and application to real life examples FBV – Individual liberties/ self-responsibility linked to understanding the rule of law	Critical and Logical Thinking (ability to evaluate using supporting evidence) Precision (work effectively within rules of the domain) See alternative perspectives (take on views of others and deal with complexity and ambiguity)	Homework set regularly for most lessons. Further Reading: Individual research of related cases Preparation of independent notes to use in controlled assessment as ongoing and regularly checked homework task



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Unit 3: 2. Understand the process for prosecution of suspects 2.4 Assess key influences affecting the outcomes of criminal cases	Influences: evidence media witnesses experts politics judiciary barristers and legal teams	Learners should have an understanding of the many factors that can influence the outcome of a trial and be able to assess their impact.	End of section practice timed responses using assessment criteria to prepare for demands of controlled assessment	Key word focus to develop literacy. Students to apply knowledge to unfamiliar scenarios to build confidence and understanding and develop skills at explaining links PSHE links through analysis of legal definitions and procedures and application to real life examples FBV – Individual liberties/ self-responsibility linked to understanding the rule of law	Critical and Logical Thinking (ability to evaluate using supporting evidence) Precision (work effectively within rules of the domain) See alternative perspectives (take on views of others and deal with complexity and ambiguity)	Homework set regularly for most lessons. Further Reading: Individual research of related cases Preparation of independent notes to use in controlled assessment as ongoing and regularly checked homework task



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Unit 3: 2. Understand the process for prosecution of suspects 2.5 Discuss the use of laypeople in criminal cases	Laypeople: • juries • magistrates	Learners should be able to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of both juries and lay magistrates.	End of section practice timed responses using assessment criteria to prepare for demands of controlled assessment	Key word focus to develop literacy. Students to apply knowledge to unfamiliar scenarios to build confidence and understanding and develop skills at explaining links PSHE links through analysis of legal definitions and procedures and application to real life examples FBV – Individual liberties/ self-responsibility linked to understanding the rule of law	Critical and Logical Thinking (ability to evaluate using supporting evidence) Precision (work effectively within rules of the domain) See alternative perspectives (take on views of others and deal with complexity and ambiguity)	Homework set regularly for most lessons. Further Reading: Individual research of related cases Preparation of independent notes to use in controlled assessment as ongoing and regularly checked homework task



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Unit 3: 3. Be able to review criminal cases 3.1 Examine information for validity	Examine for: • bias • opinion • circumstances • currency • accuracy Information: • evidence • trial transcripts • media reports • judgements • Law Reports	Learners should develop the ability to review information and make judgements on the suitability of the content they provide against a number of criteria. In their controlled assessment response, learners should make reference to the assignment brief and other examples they have studied.	End of section practice timed responses using assessment criteria to prepare for demands of controlled assessment	Key word focus to develop literacy. Students to apply knowledge to unfamiliar scenarios to build confidence and understanding and develop skills at explaining links PSHE links through analysis of legal definitions and procedures and application to real life examples FBV – Individual liberties/ self-responsibility linked to	Critical and Logical Thinking (ability to evaluate using supporting evidence) Precision (work effectively within rules of the domain) See alternative perspectives (take on views of others and deal with complexity and ambiguity)	Homework set regularly for most lessons. Further Reading: Individual research of related cases Preparation of independent notes to use in controlled assessment as ongoing and regularly checked homework task
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Unit 3: 3. Be able to review criminal cases 3.2 Draw conclusions from information	Conclusions: • just verdicts • miscarriage • safe verdict • just sentencing	Learners should develop skills to analyse information, in order to draw conclusions based on reasoned evidence. In their controlled assessment response, learners should make reference to the assignment brief and other examples they have studied	End of section practice timed responses using assessment criteria to prepare for demands of controlled assessment	Key word focus to develop literacy. Students to apply knowledge to unfamiliar scenarios to build confidence and understanding and develop skills at explaining links PSHE links through analysis of legal definitions and procedures and application to real life examples FBV – Individual liberties/ self-responsibility linked to understanding the rule of law	Critical and Logical Thinking (ability to evaluate using supporting evidence) Precision (work effectively within rules of the domain) See alternative perspectives (take on views of others and deal with complexity and ambiguity)	Homework set regularly for most lessons. Further Reading: Individual research of related cases Preparation of independent notes to use in controlled assessment as ongoing and regularly checked homework task
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'high level of						
control' as per						
exam board						
requirements.						
Students complete						
8 hours over 2						
days, in a						
computer room						
with an invigilator.						
Student are						
provided with						
exam logins and						
access to the						
internet is locked						
for the duration of						
the Controlled						
Assessment.						
Unit 4:	Processes:	Learners should have	Ongoing	Key word focus	Critical and Logical	Homework set regularly
1. Understand the	• government	knowledge of the	examination style	to develop	Thinking	for most lessons-
criminal justice	processes	legislative process and	questions with	literacy.	(ability to evaluate using	independent revision
system in England	• judicial processes	the role of judges in	feedback in		supporting evidence)	and consolidation in
and Wales		making criminal law.	lessons and re-	Students to		preparation for exam
			drafting.	practice written	Precision (work	
1.1 Describe		Synoptic links:		expression of	effectively within rules of	
processes used for		Learners should relate	End of term test	theories with	the domain)	
law making		this to the review of	covering all	accuracy and		
		verdicts in criminal	knowledge	clarity	See alternative	
		cases in Unit 3 and			perspectives (take on	
		campaigns and			views of others and deal	



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		changes in policy learned in Unit 1.		PSHE links through understanding of law making. FBV – Individual	with complexity and ambiguity)	
Unit 4: 1. Understand the criminal justice system in England and Wales 1.2 Describe the organisation of the criminal justice system in England and Wales	Criminal justice system: • police • law creation • courts • formal punishment • relationships	Learners should have knowledge of the organisation and role of the agencies involved in criminal justice. Learners should also consider the relationships between different agencies and the extent of cooperation that exists. Synoptic links: Learners should draw on their learning in Unit 3 regarding the process taken to obtain verdicts in criminal cases and the roles of different personnel and agencies involved.	Ongoing examination style questions with feedback in lessons and re- drafting. End of term test covering all knowledge	liberties Key word focus to develop literacy. Students to practice written expression of theories with accuracy and clarity PSHE links through understanding of law making. FBV – Individual liberties	Critical and Logical Thinking (ability to evaluate using supporting evidence) Precision (work effectively within rules of the domain) See alternative perspectives (take on views of others and deal with complexity and ambiguity)	Homework set regularly for most lessons-independent revision and consolidation in preparation for exam



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		Learners can also draw on their learning of campaigns and changes in policy learned in Unit 1.				
Unit 4: 1. Understand the criminal justice system in England and Wales 1.3 Describe models of criminal justice	Models of criminal justice: • due process • crime control	Learners should be able to describe the theories of the two models of criminal justice. Synoptic links: Learners will draw on their understanding of criminological theories in Unit 2 and their review of criminal verdicts in Unit 3 to gain awareness of the application of these models.	Ongoing examination style questions with feedback in lessons and re- drafting. End of term test covering all knowledge	Key word focus to develop literacy. Students to practice written expression of theories with accuracy and clarity PSHE links through understanding of the justice system. FBV – Individual liberties	Critical and Logical Thinking (ability to evaluate using supporting evidence) Precision (work effectively within rules of the domain) See alternative perspectives (take on views of others and deal with complexity and ambiguity)	Homework set regularly for most lessons-independent revision and consolidation in preparation for exam
Unit 4:	Forms of social	Candidates should	Ongoing	Key word focus	Critical and Logical	Homework set regularly
2. Understand the role of punishment	control • internal forms	have an understanding of different forms of	examination style questions with feedback in	to develop literacy.	Thinking (ability to evaluate using supporting evidence)	for most lessons- independent revision



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in a criminal justice system 2.1 Explain forms of social control	o rational ideology o tradition o internalisation of social rules and morality • external forms o coercion o fear of punishment • control theory o reasons for abiding by the law	social control with reference to theory. Synoptic links: Learners will need to relate their understanding to theoretical knowledge acquired through Unit 2. They should also be able to apply their understanding to situations studied in Units 1, 2 and 3.	lessons and redrafting. End of term test covering all knowledge	Students to practice written expression of theories with accuracy and clarity PSHE links through understanding of social control. FBV – Individual	Precision (work effectively within rules of the domain) See alternative perspectives (take on views of others and deal with complexity and ambiguity)	and consolidation in preparation for exam
Unit 4: 2. Understand the role of punishment in a criminal justice system 2.2 Discuss the aims of punishment	Aims of punishment • retribution • rehabilitation • deterrence o prevention of reoffending o deterrence of others from committing similar crimes • public protection • reparation	Learners should be able to explain each of the aims of punishment. Synoptic links: Learners should be able to consider these aims in the context of the criminological theories learned in Unit 1.	Ongoing examination style questions with feedback in lessons and re- drafting. End of term test covering all knowledge	liberties Key word focus to develop literacy. Students to practice written expression of theories with accuracy and clarity PSHE links through	Critical and Logical Thinking (ability to evaluate using supporting evidence) Precision (work effectively within rules of the domain) See alternative perspectives (take on views of others and deal with complexity and ambiguity)	Homework set regularly for most lessons-independent revision and consolidation in preparation for exam



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Unit 4: 2. Understand the role of punishment in a criminal justice system 2.3 Assess how forms of punishment meet the aims of punishment	Forms of punishment	Candidates should be able to assess how different forms of punishment meet the aims of punishment. Synoptic links: Learners should be able to draw on their learning developed in Units 1, 2 and 3 in order to make objective evidence based conclusions.	Ongoing examination style questions with feedback in lessons and redrafting. End of term test covering all knowledge	Key word focus to develop literacy. Students to practice written expression of theories with accuracy and clarity PSHE links through understanding of criminal justice system. FBV – Individual liberties	Critical and Logical Thinking (ability to evaluate using supporting evidence) Precision (work effectively within rules of the domain) See alternative perspectives (take on views of others and deal with complexity and ambiguity)	Homework set regularly for most lessons-independent revision and consolidation in preparation for exam
Unit 4:	Role	Candidates should be able to identify agencies involved	Ongoing examination style questions with	Key word focus to develop literacy.	Critical and Logical Thinking	Homework set regularly for most lessons-independent revision



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3. Understand	 philosophy 	with social control	feedback in		(ability to evaluate using	and consolidation in
measures used in	 working practices o 	and explain their role	lessons and re-	Students to	supporting evidence)	preparation for exam
social control	types of criminality	in achieving social	drafting.	practice written		
	o types of offenders	control. Synoptic links:		expression of	Precision (work	
3.1 Explain the role	o reach (local,	Learners can apply	End of term test	theories with	effectively within rules of	
of agencies in	national)	their understanding	covering all	accuracy and	the domain)	
social control		from Unit 3 to this	knowledge	clarity		
	Agencies	criterion.			See alternative	
	• government-				perspectives (take on	
	sponsored agencies o			PSHE links	views of others and deal	
	police			through	with complexity and	
	o CPS			understanding of	ambiguity)	
	o judiciary			criminal justice		
	o prisons			system.		
	o probation			EDV L. J. J. J.		
	• charities			FBV – Individual		
Unit 4:	• pressure groups	Candidates should	0	liberties	Cuitinal and I aminal	
3. Understand	Contribution • tactics and	understand the range	Ongoing examination style	Key word focus to develop	Critical and Logical Thinking	Homework set regularly for most lessons-
measures used in	measures used by	of techniques used by	questions with	!	(ability to evaluate using	independent revision
social control	agencies	the agencies and be	feedback in	literacy.	supporting evidence)	and consolidation in
SOCIAL COLLLO	o environmental	able to examine their	lessons and re-	Students to	supporting evidence)	preparation for exam
3.2 Describe the	• design	contribution. Synoptic	drafting.	practice written	Precision (work	preparation for exam
contribution of	gated lanes	links: Learners should	araning.	expression of	effectively within rules of	
agencies to	o behavioural	apply their	End of term test	theories with	the domain)	
achieving social	• ASBO	understanding of:	covering all	accuracy and		
control	• token economy	• policy and	knowledge	clarity	See alternative	
	o institutional	campaigns from Unit	9 -	- 7	perspectives (take on	
		1			views of others and deal	



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	o disciplinary procedures • rule making • staged/phased • gaps in state provision	 criminological theories from Unit 2 the processes used to bring an accused to justice in Unit 3 to the role of the different agencies 		PSHE links through understanding of criminal justice system. FBV – Individual liberties	with complexity and ambiguity)	
Unit 4: 3. Understand measures used in social control 3.3 Examine the limitations of agencies in achieving social control	Limitations • repeat offenders/recidivism • civil liberties and legal barriers • access to resources and support • finance • local and national policies • environment • crime committed by those with moral imperatives	Learners should understand the limitations of social control agencies and able to examine the implications of these limitations. Synoptic links: Learners should apply their understanding of criminological theories from Unit 2 in their examination of the limitations. Learners will also draw on their understanding of policy and campaigns for change in examination of the	Ongoing examination style questions with feedback in lessons and re- drafting. End of term test covering all knowledge	Key word focus to develop literacy. Students to practice written expression of theories with accuracy and clarity PSHE links through understanding of criminal justice system. FBV – Individual liberties	Critical and Logical Thinking (ability to evaluate using supporting evidence) Precision (work effectively within rules of the domain) See alternative perspectives (take on views of others and deal with complexity and ambiguity)	Homework set regularly for most lessons-independent revision and consolidation in preparation for exam



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		limitations of agencies.				
Unit 4: 3. Understand measures used in social control 3. 4 Evaluate the effectiveness of agencies in achieving social control	Agencies • government sponsored agencies o police o CPS o judiciary o prisons o probation • charities • pressure groups	Learners should be able to draw together their learning to evaluate the success or failure of agencies in achieving social control. Synoptic links: Learners should apply the skill they developed in Unit 3 to evaluate information in terms of: bias, opinion, circumstances, currency, accuracy The types of evidence, as set out in Unit 3, include: evidence, trial transcripts, media reports, judgements, Law Reports	Ongoing examination style questions with feedback in lessons and re- drafting. End of term test covering all knowledge	Key word focus to develop literacy. Students to practice written expression of theories with accuracy and clarity PSHE links through understanding of criminal justice system. FBV – Individual liberties	Critical and Logical Thinking (ability to evaluate using supporting evidence) Precision (work effectively within rules of the domain) See alternative perspectives (take on views of others and deal with complexity and ambiguity)	Homework set regularly for most lessons-independent revision and consolidation in preparation for exam