CRIMINOLOGY

What are the aims and intentions of this curriculum?

The aim of our Key Stage 4 Curriculum is to allow learners to apply their understanding of the public perceptions of crime and campaigns for change, and use fantastic state of the art mock courtroom facilities to imbue our students with a practical understanding of how the criminal justice system works and functions in the UK. The curriculum also intends to equip students with:

- An understanding of the social constructions of criminality
- An understanding of the causes of criminality
- Knowledge of theories of criminality
- Skills to plan campaigns for change relating to crime.

Term	Topics	Knowledge and key terms	Skills developed	Assessment
Autumn 1	Evaluate the effectiveness of media used in campaigns for	Media • blogs	Learners should have knowledge of the media and specific materials used in campaigns, and be	Self-assessment
	change	viral messagingsocial networking	able to evaluate their effectiveness in promoting a campaign for change.	Q&A
		advertisingradio		Quizzes/Kahoot
		 television film documentary word of mouth events print 		Exam Practice
	Plan a campaign for change relating to crime	Plan	Learners should identify an appropriate campaign for change and produce a comprehensive plan of action.	

Autumn 2	Design materials for use in campaigning for change	Design • structure of information	Learners should consider the design of materials such as:	Q&A
	campaigning for change	use of images or other accentuating features	• leaflets	Observation
		to capture attention	advertisements	o both varion
		use of persuasive language	• posters	Kahoot
		• promotion of action	• blogs	
		consideration of target audience	• social network pages	Tests
		alignment with campaign		
	Justify a campaign for change	Justify	Learners should justify the approach and the	
	Justify a campaign for change	presentation of a case for action	need for a campaign for change.	
		• use of evidence in support of a case	need for a campaign for change.	
		• use of persuasive language		
		ase of persuasive language		
Spring 1	Describe biological theories of	Biological theories	Learners should have knowledge of a range of	
	criminality	genetic theories	genetic theories, such as:	
		physiological theories	Jacobs XYY study	Exam practice
			• twin and adoption studies Learners should	
			have knowledge of a range of physiological	Peer assessment
			theories, e.g.	
			• Lombroso	Q&A
			• Sheldon	
				Crossword
	Describe individualistic theories	Individualistic theories	Learners should have knowledge of a range of	
	of criminality	learning theories	theories, e.g.	Quizzes/Kahoot
		psychodynamic	Bandura	
		psychological theories	• Eysenck	
			• Freud	
Spring 2	Describe sociological theories of	Sociological theories	Learners should be able to summarise the key	
	criminality	social structure	points of a range of theories, e.g.	
		interactionism	Marxism	Tests
		• realism	labelling	
			functionalism	Presentations
			left and right realism	
				Q&A
	Analyse situations of criminality	Situations relating to:	Learners should have knowledge of a range of	
		different types of crime	crimes for example, crimes against the	Quizzes/Kahoot
		individual criminal behaviour	person/property, white collar, corporate crime,	
			etc. Learners should be able to analyse a range	
			of crimes and criminal behaviour and	
			understand possible causes through the	
			application of the theories learned for LO2	

Summer 1	Evaluate the effectiveness of criminological theories to	Criminological theories • individualistic	Learners should evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of criminological theories in terms	Exam practice
	explain causes of criminality	biological	of explaining crime.	Individual assessment
		sociological		
				Q&A
	Assess the use of criminological	Criminological theories	Learners should be able to apply their	
	theories in informing policy	individualistic	knowledge of each of the theories and assess	Quizzes/Kahoot
	development	biological	their use in informing policy on crime. This could	
		sociological	include, for example, penal populism, zero	
			tolerance, CCTV, restorative justice, multi-	
		Policy development	agency approach.	
		informal policy making		
		formal policy making o crime control policies		
		o state punishment policies		