



STANGROUND ACADEMY

CRIMINOLOGY - INTENT

Criminology intends to develop students understanding of many aspects of the criminal justice system including types of crime; reasons for turning to crime; processes within the criminal justice system and the law-making processes. This understanding is also at a synoptic level due to the over-lap between topic areas.

Within each unit of the course, students are encouraged to research true crime cases in order to apply their knowledge. The criminology curriculum is a great way to continue an academic education from a humanities and social sciences pathway. It intends to join up interests and passions gained from a range of humanities GCSE subjects such as geography, history, RE, sociology and citizenship.

The curriculum is designed to provide students with a wide range of skills such as researching, note taking, assessing and evaluating and provides an excellent basis for higher education as well as the world of work. Students taking the course often have career aspirations of working with the police force, criminology, forensic psychology, community development and probation, working with resources on Unifrog and with links to universities such as ARU using visiting speakers to promote careers and HE.

As part of the formal assessment of the course, students undertake two controlled assessments and two externally assessed exams. Students also take a number of internal assessments and their knowledge is stretched and challenged through the use of extended reading, TED talks, documentaries and journal articles. The unit 1 assessment asks students to design a campaign for change and uses ICT skills and subject specific knowledge, the unit 3 controlled assessment asks students to assess examine information in order to review the justice of verdicts in criminal cases by considering the roles and responsibilities of those involved in the case and how miscarriages of justice might occur.