

Forensic and Criminal Investigation

BTEC Level 3 National Diploma

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Course Outline:

This course, equivalent to 2 A Levels, is an applied qualification perfect for students wishing to study forensic science and criminology courses at university, or if you want a practical career in the forensic science field or any other lab based employment.

There are plenty of practical activities to boost your understanding of scientific techniques as part of the mandatory units that cover the principles of forensic science before moving onto applications of criminology and forensics in criminal law.

The content of the qualification has been developed alongside academics, universities and other higher education providers to ensure that it supports progression beyond sixth form.

You will study:

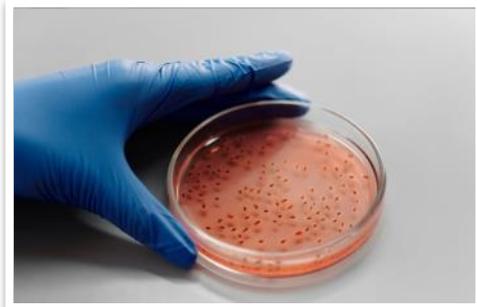
- Principles and Applications of Science
- Practical Scientific Procedures and Techniques
- Science Investigation Skills
- Forensic Investigation Procedures in Practice
- Applications of Criminology
- Criminal Investigation Procedures in Practice
- Physiology of Human Body Systems

Plus one other unit from a selection including Forensic Fire Investigation, Forensic Traffic Collision Investigation and Forensic Genetics.

This course is assessed with both internal assessments (54%) and external assessments (46%). The internal assessments will be assessed through assignments, practical tasks, experiments and crime scene assessments.

Additional Considerations:

A grade 5-5 in Combined Science and a Grade 4 in English and Maths will be required for entry onto this course.



Progression Post-18

The qualification may be complemented with other BTEC Nationals or A Levels to support progression to higher education courses in forensics and criminology.

Eg. with an A Level in Chemistry, learners can progress to forensic science degree courses, with an A Level in Psychology, learners can progress to psychology courses and with an A Level in Criminology, learners can progress to criminology courses.

The general science nature of the course will be good for any science lab based degree, apprenticeship or job.