Walton Academy

L3 Applied Diploma in Criminology 2025

Summer task and warm-up work

Name:

Introduction

To help you prepare for the start of the course, you are required to complete a few simple tasks, to be handed to your teacher at the start of term in September. Before that, a bit about the course…

Course structure

L3 Applied Diploma in Criminology is the equivalent of 1 A Level, and you would study 2 other A Level subjects alongside it. It is graded in the same way as A level (A -E) and has the same tariff points for university as an A Level. You will be assessed over the course of 2 years. In both years you will complete a course work module and sit an exam.

You will gain an insight into the criminal justice system and the role of punishment and social control. Whilst looking at how the media influences criminal behaviour and people's understanding of crime, you will create your own campaign relating to crime reduction.

Course content:

Year 1

Unit 1: Changing Awareness of Crime: coursework, to be completed by December 2025

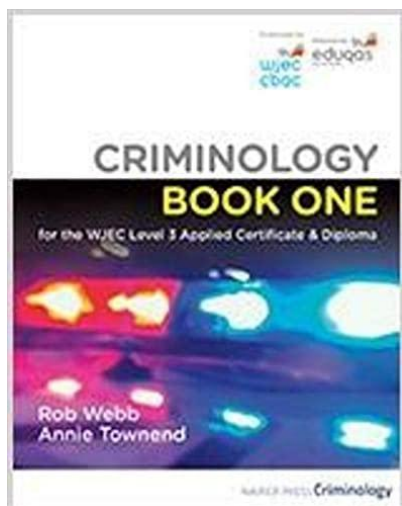Unit 2: Criminological Theories: exam to be sat in May 2026

Year 2

Unit 3: Crime Scene to Courtroom (coursework)
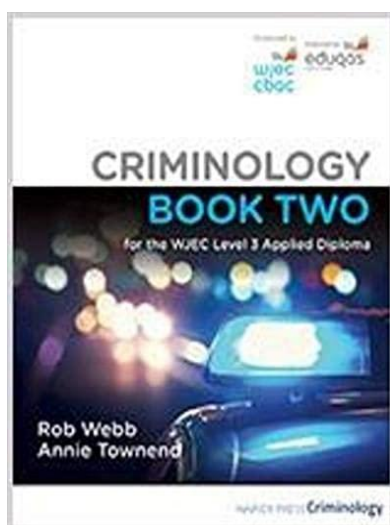
Unit 4: Crime and Punishment (exam)

Resources:

You will be given booklets to complete that will contain all the information you need to complete the course and guidance on how to prepare for the assessments. You will have access to the course textbook in college but you will not be able to take it home. It would be very useful to get your own copy, but this is not compulsory. We will also be using a wide range of online and documentary resources. These will linked in the course booklets and PowerPoints.

Year 1 textbook: Criminology Book One for the WJEC Level 3 Applied Certificate & Diploma Paperback – 1 April 2021 by Rob Webb and Annie Townend

Year 2 textbook: Criminology Book Two for the WJEC Level 3 Applied Certificate & Diploma Paperback – 1 April 2021 by Rob Webb and Annie Townend

Tasks

1. **As a society we appear to be very interested in crime. There is endless media content about it. Pick your favourite crime novel, film, TV drama or documentary, or console game and summarise the story below:**

2. **Google the BBC article: 'Prisoners in England to be taught code'** https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-47570134 The article suggests recidivism is one of the biggest problems the criminal justice system faces. Do you think teaching the coding is going to help rehabilitate prisoners? Explain.

3. **Google the BBC article: 'Police forces failing to record thousands of crimes'**
   https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-43060030

A. Summarise why statistics on crime are unreliable.

B. List 3 crimes that are unlikely to be recorded even if they have been reported.

C. Why might a person not report a crime they are a victim of, or know about?

D. For the year ending March 2023, 5.7 percent of crime offences resulted in a charge or summons in England and Wales. This means 94.3% of crime in the UK goes unsolved. What do these figures suggest to you, about the effectiveness of the Criminal Justice System in the UK?