

Entry Requirements: Double grade 4 or above in Science and grade 4 or above in Mathematics

BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Forensic and Criminal Investigation

This is a double award which offers students the opportunity to study Forensic science and Criminology both theoretically and practically. It enables students to further pursue their interests and develop their ability and understanding in Forensic Science/Criminology further in Years 12 & 13.

Lessons involve high level teacher-led discussion and modelling, exam practice and technique, independent research, and practical activities, and are assessed via both external examination and coursework.

The qualification may be complemented with other BTEC Nationals or A Levels to support progression to higher education courses in Forensics and Criminology. The additional qualification(s) studied allows learners either to give breadth to their study by choosing a contrasting subject, or to give their studies more focus by choosing a complementary subject.

The mandatory units cover are:-

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| 1 Principles and Applications of Science | 2 Practical Scientific Procedures and Techniques |
| 3 Science Investigation Skills | 4 Forensic Investigation Procedures in Practice |
| 5 Applications of Criminology | 6 Criminal Investigation Procedures in Practice |
| 7 Applications of Criminal and Forensic Psychology | |

In addition there are optional units:-

Physiology of Human Body Systems, Environmental Forensics, Forensic Fire Investigation, Forensic Traffic Collision Investigation, Forensic Photography, Forensic Genetics, Forensic Anthropology and Archaeology and Practical Chemical Analysis.

