

# Criminology

What our students say....

**FAYE  
MILLER**

Subjects: **CRIMINOLOGY  
SOCIOLOGY  
PHILOSOPHY, ETHICS &  
RELIGION**



High School:  
Bellerive Catholic College

## **What do you particularly enjoy about studying this subject?**

In Criminology I enjoy the research aspect of the course the most where we can look into and analyse various criminal cases. We can use these cases to apply to questions and different areas of the course. I enjoy this as it allows an insight into the reality of crime and helps me understand the true picture of criminality in all areas of life. It is helpful when keeping up to date with what is going on in society or around the world.

## **How much work is involved? (hours in lessons / outside of lessons)**

Criminology lessons are 2 hours long. We look into and research different cases and discuss how these can apply to the topics we are focusing on. We then look at how we can apply them to exam questions. As part of our class work we complete booklets which include individual tasks and research to test ourselves. During our lesson we also do partner and group work. This is a good way to consolidate the work we have just been taught to make sure that we have a thorough understanding before we leave the lesson. Outside of lessons we are encouraged to create revision resources of the topic we have learnt as a way of understanding and re-capping the work. This is important to ensure that we get the highest possible grades.

## **If you studied the subject at GCSE how different is studying it at A Level/BTEC Level 3?**

I did not study Criminology at GCSE however, I did study RE and History at GCSE, which were very similar in the way that we learnt content and analysed areas of the course. A-level requires more analyse of topics and also requires a lot more independent work and research.

## **How are you assessed and how regularly?**

We are assessed at the end of each topic by completing 3 exam questions that link to the content we have learnt. This allows us to practise applying the knowledge accurately to any possible questions. These questions will vary in marks so we practise of all of the different types of questions we can get. This is a great way of revising to prepare for the exam. As part of the course we are assessed by two controlled assessments, which is where we apply our knowledge to different questions and scenarios that we refer to as ACs and these will vary from 4 marks to 20 marks. We also complete two exam papers.

## **What support have you received and is support available if you don't understand something?**

The department regularly hold revision sessions that we can go to if we have need to recap the topic we have just covered or for any questions about any particular topics. The teachers are also always available if we need to send them an email with any of our concerns. They are always happy to reply and help. They are always there to make sure we are not struggling and that we are happy with the subject. The teachers in this department also send various links that relate to the topics and these are always helpful for revision or as a way of consolidating a topic. The Criminology department is very supportive and helpful.

## **Have you received careers support and what are your future plans?**

I have spoken with my teacher about my future plans and where criminology can take me. They also supported me in writing my personal statement for university as I am applying for Criminology courses. They advised which universities were good for this subject which was very helpful. In the future, I would like to continue my Criminology studies at a higher level to broaden my knowledge. After university I hope to have a career that relates to Criminology, possibly as a Criminology teacher.



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