Criminology Intent



Understanding the main causes and consequences if crime from a wide variety of perspectives, by asking deep, controversial and pertinent questions about all aspects of the criminal justice system in the United Kingdom and beyond.

In Criminology at BVGA our aim is to develop the knowledge and skills of students to consider a wide variety of crimes, from all perspectives of the criminal justice system. With many opportunities to build on their cultural capital, they will prepare themselves for the realities of being citizens in the local, national and global worlds in which they will live and work.

Passionate teachers take students on a journey from the crime scene to the courtroom and beyond. Along the way, they will be encouraged to ask deep, controversial and pertinent questions that will help them to develop their understanding of the true causes and consequences of crimes.

Armed with the knowledge of real crimes and campaigns, students will develop their own skills of campaigning for change; a valuable skill, which they can then use to challenge stereotypes and prejudice and to change their community, society and world that they live in. Students will be encouraged to change injustice and unfairness within the UK and globally.

Students will develop a wide range of transferable and problem-solving skills through a range of independent and team working tasks, which will help to equip them with the ability to think critically, develop analytical, evaluative and communication skills. Students will be encouraged to adopt a holistic approach to the study of crime and consider the whole picture.

Confident Learners	Confident Communicators	Confident Future Citizens
To create confident learners, the Criminology curriculum is: • Engaging and challenging • Builds on prior knowledge • Makes links to real life • Resourced with high quality materials • Covers a wide range of perspectives	To create confident communicators, the Criminology curriculum: Encourages debate and oracy Listen to the opinions of others Consider own opinions and provide justification for these 	To create confident future citizens, the Criminology curriculum: Make links to real life Promotes global citizenship[p Enables positive change to the self, society and the wider world. Challenge stereotypes
 The Criminology curriculum provides opportunities for all to: Become independent learners Apply skills of creativity and ICT literacy Understand real crime, laws and campaigns. 	 The Criminology curriculum provides opportunities for all to: Make a difference in areas they feel passionate about Express your own views Challenge information Consider the opinions of others 	 The Criminology curriculum provides opportunities for all to: Learn about real crimes and campaigns Hear from interesting personnel from the Criminal Justice System Consider career opportunities Visit places of interest in the Criminal Justice System.

The Key Concepts running through Criminology

Understanding of how the criminal justice system work and being able to make links between real life crimes and campaigns that have had an impact on key policy changes. Being able to consider crime from a wide variety of sociological and psychological theories and consider the impact of crime on individuals, communities and wider society. An understanding of how people that work within the criminal justice system go about their work and how this may have led to criminal prosecutions as well as considering how the same personnel can cause cases to collapse.