

Criminology BTEC Level Three Diploma 2025-27

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1 Changing Awareness of Crime (NEA)

2 Criminological Theories (Exam, summer 2026)



YEAR 12

Term		Teacher 1 – MSE
Autumn 1 7 weeks	Initial covering of content for Unit 1	<i>LO1, LO2 & LO3 to be taught for the first time. Time is dedicated to knowledge acquisition, building up robust notes (which can be taken into the assessment) and understanding of case studies, which form a large part of this unit.</i>
Autumn 2 7 weeks	Content revision, formatting notes and assessment prep.	Students will focus on getting their notes ready ahead of going into the assessment. We will finish the final few ACs as a part of covering the main content. The students will be given opportunities to attempt the LO3 task in a mock environment.
Spring 1 6 weeks	Beginning learning for Unit 2	Focus on learning criminological theories to explain why crime happens. This unit does not allow notes to be taken in, so there are more frequent breaks in usual lessons for assessment.
Spring 2 5 weeks	Continuing learning for Unit 2	Focus on upcoming exam. Heavy reliance on past papers for assessment, practise and explaining how the new exams work.
Students will be prepared for Unit 2 mock paper		
Mock revision	Focus of revision	Unit 2 revision
Summer 1 6 weeks	Revision for Unit 2 exam w/ exam question assessments	Cont.
Summer 2 7 weeks	Begin Unit 3 learning (once Unit 2 exam is complete)	Once the U2 exam is complete, we move on to begin the first LO(1) of Unit 3, focusing on criminal investigations. This unit is extremely case study focused so the students are expected to be constantly looking for applicable case studies in their DS periods and free time.

Which series paper is being used for the Year 12 mock?

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3 Crime Scene to Court Room (NEA)

4 Crime & Punishment (Exam, summer 2027)



YEAR 13

Term	Teacher 1 – MSE	
Autumn 1 7 weeks	Continue Unit 3 learning	Move on to LO2 – court phase of the criminal process.
Autumn 2 7 weeks	Continue Unit 3 learning with additional time dedicated to NEA preparation	LO3 & dedicated time to rehearsing timings and key AC responses. Key ACs include 2.1, 2.4 & 2.5
Spring 1 6 weeks	Unit 4	Begin learning for Unit 4 content and shift back to an exam focus (inc. more assessment points).
Spring 2 5 weeks	Unit 4	Continue working on the Unit 4 content. This content is particularly tricky and previous year groups have had a hard time grasping some of the concepts. Additional time to be given for some of the weaker groups.
Summer 1 6 weeks	Unit 4	Final exam preparations and assessments ahead of Unit 4 exam. Unit 2 revision for all during this time but especially those resitters. Unit 1, 2 & 3 topics can come up during Unit 4 exam so revision of prior topics is important.
Summer 2 7 weeks		

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