

Intent statement CRIMINOLOGY

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“A society should be judged not by how it treats its outstanding citizens but by how it treats its criminals.” – **Fyodor Dostoyevsky**

We believe the study of criminology to be vital in the understanding of society. Gaining a more nuanced view of crime than is presented in the mainstream media allows students to look beyond crime as a war between good and evil. Understanding how criminals are treated, why they commit crime poses big questions both to us as criminologists and as a society at large.

Issues of right or wrong, rehabilitation and forgiveness are central to the College’s Catholic ethos, and this course allows students to engage with debate and question their own assumptions.

We study WJEC Applied Diploma in Criminology. The course uses a combination of controlled assessment and exams. This combination allows students who find exams difficult to still access a Social Science course. The independent research skills prepare students well for university, and they produce work of a very high standard. During the controlled assessment they must produce a campaign which allows for creativity not found in all courses.

Criminology is a subject that captures students’ imaginations, gives them a good foundation for study at a higher level, both within social science and beyond.