



BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Award in Applied Science - Forensic Science

(Formerly known as BTEC National Award) - Equivalent to one A Level over two years.

The BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Award in Forensic Science is particularly suitable to partner with A Level Applied Science (Double Award). It can also be taken with other suitable A Level courses such as Chemistry, Biology, Psychology and Photography. Due to the heavily scientific nature of the course, it is highly inadvisable to take Forensic Science without any other accompanying Science subjects.

Requirements:

The College minimum to start an advanced level course is one grade B and four grade Cs at GCSE. Students wishing to undertake this course require grades CC or above in GCSE Double Science (Core and Additional) and grade C or above in GCSE English Language and Mathematics. The student will also be expected to meet the Average Points Score for this subject.

This subject will focus on:

- basic Biology, Chemistry and Physics principles and practical skills;
- how forensic evidence is collected and analysed;
- the psychological explanations for criminal behaviour; and
- forensic photography (subject to change).

You can expect to:

- develop skills of research and investigation;
- develop a higher level of practical and analytical skills in science;
- understand how science is applied in specific areas of vocational interest especially forensic science; and
- visit the forensic science laboratories at a local university.

Method of assessment:

Assessment is by 100% coursework.

If you decide (or are advised) not to continue on to the full Upper Sixth Forensic Science programme, you can still complete the remaining single Core Unit (Unit 2- Working in the Science Industry) in the Upper Sixth and gain a BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Applied Science (not Forensic Science). This Certificate is equivalent to an AS Level.

Progression:

A significant number of students taking this course alongside other appropriate A Levels have gone on to study Forensic Science or Forensic Psychology at university.