



## **BTEC National Award in Applied Science (Forensic Science)**

***Equivalent to one A level over two years.***

The BTEC National Award in Forensic Science is particularly suitable to combine with the Applied A level Science (Double). It can also be taken with suitable A level courses such as the three science subjects. It also combines well with A levels such as Psychology, Law or even Photography.

### **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 and grade C or above in GCSE English Language and Mathematics.

### **This subject will focus on:**

- basic Biology, Chemistry and Physics skills and principles;
- ethical, political and social aspects of science;
- how forensic evidence is collected and analysed;
- the psychological explanations for criminal behaviour; and
- the principles of criminology.

### **You can expect to:**

- develop skills of research and investigation;
- develop a higher level of practical 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.

### **Progression:**

A large number of students taking this course have gone on to study Forensic Science or Forensic Psychology at university.

Forensic Science had a 95% pass rate in 2008.