

Our commitment to Criminology

You may have recently become aware of the changes proposed by the Department for Education (DfE) regarding the delivery of post-16 qualifications including Level 3 subjects. We would like to reassure you that these proposals do not impact centres and learners in Wales, and we are committed to continuing to offer a Level 3 qualification in Criminology.

We will be beginning work in the autumn term to explore opportunities for updating and improving the qualification to ensure that it remains current and engaging for learners, whilst being manageable for teachers and centres to deliver. We will be seeking the views of teachers, learners and wider stakeholders at this time. Any changes will be carefully planned and we will ensure sufficient time for centres to transition to the new qualification. We can confirm that the current version of the qualification will be available for new starters until at least September 2025.

As Wales' leading awarding body, we are committed to continuing to provide a comprehensive suite of Level 3 qualifications, which has recently been expanded to new qualifications in Business, Sport and Tourism, which have been developed exclusively for Wales. As the sole provider for Criminology, we appreciate the enthusiasm and support shown by schools and colleges in Wales towards this unique qualification, which offers a positive alternative route to A levels for thousands of learners annually.

Rest assure that we will continue to provide exceptional support in the delivery of our Level 3 qualifications, in the form of direct access to our subject specialists, free digital resources and a revamped schedule of upcoming Professional Learning courses.

We are extremely grateful for your ongoing support and wish you the very best with the upcoming results.

Please note, if you teach in England our statement is available here.