



Term	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic pathway A	External assessment Unit 5: Applications of Criminology		External assessment Unit 5: Applications of Criminology	Coursework unit Unit 13: Forensic Genetics		
Topic pathway B	Coursework unit Unit 4: Forensic Investigation Procedures in Practice					
Content pathway A	Students will be taught about the nature of crime to include: types of crime, the statistics of crime, general theories and specific theories. They will then look into the theoretical approaches to crime prevention and punishment, as well as the reporting of crime by the media and approaches to victimology		Recap of information for Unit 5 and revision using past papers	Students will learn about the mechanism of DNA replication and its regulation in order to complete assignment 1.	Students will learn about techniques used to extract, amplify and analyse DNA. This will include a visit to Keele university to carry out practical DNA analysis which will be written up and form part of the evidence for assignment 2.	
Content pathway B	Students will learn how to preserve and process a mock crime scene culminating in a visit to the Crime Scene House at Staffordshire University at the end of the autumn term in order to put their skills into practice		Using the evidence collected from the Crime Scene House, students will use analytical techniques to examine it and then draw conclusions. They will produce a fully detailed report which will form evidence for their portfolio of evidence			
Rationale/ Linking	Due to the knowledge required for teaching these units they are taught by specialist teachers in a long thin pathway. The teaching of the coursework unit is designed around the visit to the Crime scene house to ensure that students know how to process the scene before they go and then have time to analyse their evidence once they return There is only one examined unit in the Forensic science part of the qualification so this is taught first to allow time for resits. This also enables the other coursework unit, Unit 2, to be approached as a whole without a break.					
	End of Unit assessment	End of Unit assessment	External assessment:	Unit 13 assignment 1	Unit 4 assignments 1 and 2	



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Topic pathway A	Coursework unit Unit 13: Forensic Genetics				
Topic pathway B	Coursework unit Unit 6: Criminal Investigation Procedures in Practice				
Content pathway A	Continuation of assignment 2 on DNA extraction, amplification and analysis	Students will learn about the history of DNA databases both in the UK and USA. Using information from different cases they will explain how DNA databases are used in forensic investigation. They will write a report on this that will provide the evidence for assignment 3		Completion of all units and resubmissions together with relevant paperwork for SV	
Content pathway B	Students will learn about the legal framework that criminal law investigators must adhere to in order to secure a conviction. They will write this up as a report which will form the evidence for assignment 1	Students will learn about the stages of an investigation process and use appropriate interview skills to gain intelligence information about a fictitious crime. They will produce this evidence in a report for assignment 2	Students will act as a professional witness in a mock criminal trial and they will be assessed on their communication skills during this process		
Rationale/ Linking	Students will complete coursework on unit 13 and unit 6 in time for SV in May.				
		Unit 13 assignment 2	Unit 6 assignment 2	Unit 13 assignment 3	SV of coursework units