

# FORENSIC & CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

BTEC LEVEL 3 (EDEXCEL)



Forensic and Criminal Investigation is a suite of qualifications offered by the Academy. The course can be studied as a Foundation diploma (1.5 A levels equivalent), a national diploma (2 A level equivalent) or an extended national diploma (3 x A level equivalent). These qualifications offer learners the opportunity to progress on to Higher Education to study degrees such as Forensic Science, Criminology and Forensic Psychology.

## What will you learn?

Across the two years you will study a range of mandatory units (4, 6 or 8, dependent on the course you have selected). These mandatory units will develop your practical laboratory skills, enable you to plan investigations, train you to produce forensic reports and develop your ability to evaluate case studies. Alongside the mandatory units, you will also study optional units (2, 4, or 6, dependent on the qualification you select). These optional units enable you to study more specific forensic science sectors in depth, such as forensic fire investigation, forensic anthropology and archaeology or microbiology.

## How will you be assessed?

Assessment is approximately 60% internally assessed assignments and approximately 40% external examination. Learners are permitted to retake externally assessed units.

## Where will it take you?

Forensic and Criminal Investigation is a course which can be taken independently as an Extended National Diploma. This course is equivalent to 3 x A levels and enables you to progress on to Higher Education to study a degree in Forensic Science or courses related to the field of Forensics such as Forensic Archaeology. Students who wish to study Forensic and Criminal Investigation, but want to combine the qualification with complimentary A levels should opt to study the National Diploma, which is equivalent to two A levels, or the Foundation National Diploma which is equivalent to 1.5 A levels. A levels which compliment the Forensic and Criminal Investigation qualification would include Chemistry, Psychology, Sociology and Biology. A combination of these qualifications would allow you to study courses such as Forensic Psychology, Criminology and Anthropology at Higher Education.

## Who to talk to:

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## What do I need to study this course?

Five or more 9-4 grades at GCSE including English and Maths. A grade 5 or higher in GCSE Triple Science or 5-5 in GCSE Combined Science.