



NPA Criminology Level 5

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

For Parents and Carers



Which topics are covered at N5?

Section 1	Crime in the community
Section 2	Crime and the Law
Section 3	Crime scenes

Resources to support learning.

Internal

Criminology Level 5 have their own class, Teams Page. Contained within the Files Section at the top is access to all folders covering all 3 units of the course.

Are there important dates of which I should be aware?

NPA stands for **National Progression Award**.

This means that, at the end of the course, you can achieve a Level 5 award, but there is **no exam**.

Instead, you will build up a **portfolio** of open book and closed book assessments which are marked on a **pass/fail** basis.

Where do I find more information about the course?

<https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/94838.html>

How is the course assessed? There is no final exam, it is internally assessed,

COMPONENT	UNITS	Assessment strategy
END OF UNIT ASSESSMENT	Crime in the community	Assessed using a single, holistic, open-book assessment. Work can be completed on an on-going basis to form a portfolio of evidence comprising approximately 1,000 words or an oral presentation of approximately seven minutes
END OF UNIT ASSESSMENT	Crime and the Law	A closed-book, supervised assessment requiring a written response of 300 words approximately. And An open-book assessment of 700 words approximately where learners are required to respond to a stimulus image of a crime scene.
END OF UNIT ASSESSMENT	Crime scenes	This unit may be assessed by outcome or holistically. The assessment(s) should be open-book. For example, a research project with the findings presented as a report or oral presentation. Evidence must be produced in controlled conditions

Who is NPA Criminology Level 5 suitable for?

- This course is most suitable for S5/6 pupils who have achieved National 4 or National 5 Modern Studies.
- This course is not suitable for pupils working at N4 level
- This course leads on to Level 6 Criminology which is **only** offered at college.
- The nature of Criminology is challenging and includes some sensitive topics, it will not be a suitable choice for some learners.

Practical strategies for parents/carers to support learners.

- Encourage students to make flashcards or mind maps on different topics.
- Students could make a glossary of key words for each topic.
- Ask your child to teach you about particular topics – particularly those they may find more challenging.

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