



THE CRIMINOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Criminology originated as part of the Law Department as a new course beginning at Hereford Sixth Form College in September 2017. It has proven to be a popular and successful course and as such is branching out within its own Department as from September 2018 in its current format as a Level 3 Certificate/Diploma course under the WJEC examining board. The course has already generated a large amount of interest and we expect it to be very popular.

The person appointed will be expected to teach across both the one year Certificate and two year Diploma course. They will work with staff in the department to help maintain and build on past achievements by bringing not only enthusiasm and commitment, but also new ideas to a growing department which welcomes innovation. The sharing of good practice, including lesson resources, is actively encouraged in order to deliver highly effective courses that enable students to achieve excellent value-added results.

The successful candidate will need to have both good sociological and psychological knowledge of criminality and an understanding of law and policy making and must be keen to keep abreast of new developments. The post could initially be to teach part-time but we anticipate growth in the department, from the new course running across both Year 1 and Year 2, to allow for the successful candidate to work full-time within the department. As the post is for a law and criminology tutor, the candidate would be expected to teach both areas.

The WJEC Criminology course caters for those students who wish to undertake an academic subject that involves a controlled assessment each year as well as an exam. The course is assessed through 50% examination and 50% controlled assessment. Students commence their controlled assessment after the Christmas holidays for both years and complete each year with a summer exam. The course has the advantage of being able to be a one year Certificate course (equivalent to an AS exam) or a two year Diploma course (equivalent to a full A' Level) and students are encouraged to undertake the two year programme where available and may be available as a 'fast track' course at some point in the future for those with limited time.

With regard to teaching facilities, the department is very well equipped with IT resources with approximately 20 computers per room with a dedicated teacher computer connected to a projector. The controlled assessment is done on the computers both years and students have a lot of research tasks throughout the course. The department also has an office/staff workroom where all members of staff are provided with their own desk and networked computer. A college laptop can also be provided where requested.

The position currently being offered is an excellent opportunity for an enthusiastic teacher wishing to join a growing department at a sixth form college with an excellent reputation.