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Level 3 Criminology: DfE level 3 qualifications review

As you will be aware, the Department for Education (DfE) is currently undertaking a review to confirm which level 3 qualifications will be available to students from September 2025 and 2026.

The DfE has confirmed that the outcome of the review will be announced by the end of December 2024.

In the meantime, we remain committed to being on-hand to provide schools and colleges with all the support and guidance they need throughout this period and beyond.

We are also able to confirm that our existing Level 3 Criminology specification will be available for centres until 2027, with last entry for students starting in September 2025. We will keep you updated on any future developments with this qualification in the coming months.

We know just how important this qualification is to schools, colleges, and to the many thousands of Criminology students across the country.

Please rest assured that discussions are ongoing and that we are doing everything we can to make sure this important pathway remains open to students in England. There are more than 40,000 students taking this unique qualification this year; and we're committed to continuing to play our part in ensuring future students have this opportunity and choice in the future.

We are working closely with a range of stakeholders across both the political landscape and the education community, including MPs, schools and colleges, teaching associations, unions, and universities to make sure that all the options are explored, a range of perspectives are heard, and that the impact of any future decision is thoroughly considered.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Criminology Team