Crime Scene to Courtroom

Calendar	Big Question/Theme	Exam Board Specification/Small Questions	Assessment Opportunities and Criteria. Teacher Feedback point (TFP)
Summer 1/2 (year 12)	AC1.1 Evaluate the effectiveness of the roles of personnel involved in criminal investigations	 Personnel Learners should have an understanding of the roles of the personnel involved in criminal investigation: Scene of crime officers Forensics scientists Pathologists Police officers Crown Prosecution Service Learners should be able to evaluate the effectiveness of the personnel in criminal investigations and the following factors must be considered: Cost Expertise Availability 	AC1.1 Evaluate the effectiveness of the roles of personnel involved in criminal investigations. TFP
Summer 2 (year 12)	AC1.2 Assess the usefulness of investigative techniques in criminal investigations	 Investigative techniques Learners should have an understanding of the range of techniques. Intelligence databases Forensics Surveillance – covert and overt Profiling – geographical, typological and investigative psychology Witnesses – eyewitness and expert witness Learner must assess their effectiveness in a range of different types of criminal investigations. Learners must identify the situations where the techniques will be used. Crime scene Laboratory Police station 	AC1.2 Assess the usefulness of investigative techniques in criminal investigations. TFP

	 'Street' Learners must identify the type of crime the technique is useful for. Violent crime E-crime Property crime 	
AC1.3 Explain how evidence is processed	Types of evidenceLearners should have an understanding of the different typesof evidence (physical and testimonial), the personnel involvedand how they are collected, transferred, stored andprocessed.Learners should explore how different types of evidence wereprocessed through a range of case studies.	AC1.3 Explain how evidence is processed.
AC1.4 Examine the rights of individuals in criminal investigations	Individuals Learners should consider the rights of all individuals from investigation through to appeal. • Suspects • Victims • Witnesses	AC1.4 Examine the rights of individuals in criminal investigations.

Autumn 1	AC2.1 Explain the	Requirements	AC2.1 Explain the requirements of the
	requirements	Learners should have an understanding of the role of the CPS.	Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) for
	of the Crown	Charging role in relation to Criminal Justice Act 2003	prosecuting suspects.
	Prosecution Service	Reference the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985	
	(CPS) for prosecuting	 Full Code Test 	
	suspects		
		Learners should explain the evidential and public interest tests as	
		well as the threshold test in the decision to prosecute.	
	AC2.2 Describe trial	Processes	AC2.2 Describe trial processes.
	processes	Learners should have knowledge of each of the stages of the trial	
		process including the roles of the personnel involved.	
		Pre-trial process	
		Bail	
		Roles	
		Plea bargaining	
		Courts trial process	
		Appeals process	
	AC2.3 Understand	Rules of evidence	AC2.3 Understand the rules in relation
	rules in	Learners should have an understanding of how evidence is used in	to the use of evidence in criminal
	relation to the use of	court.	cases.
	evidence in	Relevance	
	criminal cases	Admissibility	TFP
		Disclosure of evidence	
		Hearsay rule and exceptions	
		 Include legislation and case law 	
	AC2.4 Assess key	Influences	AC2.4 Assess key influences affecting
	influences	Learners should have an understanding of the factors that can	the outcomes of criminal cases.
	affecting the outcomes of criminal	influence the outcome of a trial and be able to assess their impact.	TFP
	cases	Evidence Madia	
	Cases	Media	
		Witnesses	
		Experts	
		Politics	
		Judiciary	
A		Barristers and legal teams	
Autumn 2	AC2.5 Discuss the use	Laypeople	AC2.5 Discuss the use of laypeople in
	Of	Learners should be able to discuss the strengths and weaknesses	criminal cases.
	laypeople in criminal	of both juries and lay magistrates.	TFP
	cases	Juries	
		Magistrates	

Learners should review and examine different types of information	
 Evidence Trial transcripts Media reports Law reports 	TFP
Learners should make judgements of the information based: Bias Opinion Circumstances Currency Accuracy Learners should examine a range of case studies and make judgements on them.	
Conclusions Learners should analyse information, in order to draw conclusions based on reasoned evidence: Just verdicts Miscarriages of justice Safe verdict Unsafe verdict Just sentencing	AC3.2 Draw conclusions from information. TFP
	Unsafe verdict