CAREER PATHWAY

FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGIST

LEVEL 2

GCSE OPTIONS AT THORNLEIGH

Good Grades in core subjects
Criminology/Social Sciences

LEVEL 3

COURSE OPTIONS AT THORNLEIGH

Criminology
Psychology
Sociology
History
Government and Politics

A-LEVEL EQUIVALENT ALTERNATIVE COURSES

Applied Criminology (L3)
Applied Social Science (L3)
Applied Psychology (L3)

SCHOOL LEAVERS APPRENTICESHIPS

Not applicable

LEVEL 4-6

HIGHER APPRENTICESHIP COURSES

Not applicable

UNI / APPRENTICESHIP DEGREES

Psychology Degree followed by Forensic Psychology Masters and Supervised Practice

FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGIST

A forensic psychologist applies psychological science and theory to the criminal justice, legal, and penal systems to assess offending behavior, evaluate risk, provide therapy, and support rehabilitation.

Core Responsibilities:

- Risk Assessment: Evaluate offenders for risk of harm, dangerousness, and fitness to stand trial or plead.
- Therapy & Rehabilitation: Deliver individual or group psychological interventions to reduce reoffending.
- Court & Parole Advice: Provide expert witness testimony, behavioral formulations, and reports for parole boards or courts.
- Consultancy & Training: Train prison, police, or NHS staff and advise on psychologically informed policies.
- Research & Profiling: Analyze crime data, behavioral patterns, and systemic issues in custody environments.