

Level 2 Certificate in Preparation for Public Services

This is a one year course for those interested in the Public Services and the work that they undertake. The BTEC Level 2 Certificate gives you a qualification that is valued by employers and Further Education establishments.

COURSE AIM

The aim of the course is to enable each student to make an informed judgement on their personal suitability for a career within any of the public services. The course provides a detailed insight into the work undertaken by a wide range of public services and the different career opportunities that are available to you. It is specifically designed to give you the skills and knowledge which will help you apply for Public Service work and succeed in your chosen career.

During the course you will examine a range of uniformed and non-uniformed public services. You will learn about the various levels of fitness required to join a public service and take part in practical leadership training. You will also study various subjects to enhance the contribution you can make to your future employment and can, for example, take entry tests with a number of public services. Visits are a regular part of the course and include work experience with the Armed Forces. First Diploma educational visits are normally to locations in the UK.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The First Certificate in Preparation for Public Services is a Level 2 course that comprises of core and specialist units:

Core Units:

- Public Service Skills and Support for the Community
- Employment in Uniformed Public Services

Additional Units include:

- Employment in the Uniformed Public Services
- Health and Fitness for Entry to the Uniformed Public Services
- Expedition and Land Navigation Skills
- Impact of Law on Public Services
- Crime and its Effects on Society
- Community and Cultural Awareness
- Attending Emergency Incidents in the Public Services
- Security Procedures in the Public Services
- Cyber Security & Crime.

There are no examinations and your work will be undertaken by written and practical assessment.

WHERE COULD IT LEAD?

Students could go into careers such as the Emergency Services, the Armed Forces, HM Prison Service or other Public Services. Students who gain a Distinction and gain GCSE grade 4+ in Maths and/or English will be able to progress to study the 2 year BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services.

COURSE ETHOS AND VALUES

Being a Public Servant demands dedication, determination and courage. This course is both physically and intellectually demanding. A great deal of emphasis is placed on your own personal standards and moral values and you should be aware that the course will really stretch and challenge you.

Based at St George's Academy, Sleaford Campus, our Public Service Students take a full and active role in both Academy life and the local community. If you join this course you will be required to take part in ALL aspects of the curriculum, which includes mandatory physical education, community based projects, trips and visits.

This course is not for everyone, but if you've got what it takes and can face up to the challenge, it could be just what you are looking for.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services

AIM OF THE COURSE

Uniformed Protective Services are at the very heart of our community and those who pursue a career within the Protective Services will be fulfilling a vital role in society. The BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services has a practical emphasis. On completion, learners will have taken an important first step on the ladder of a well-structured and rewarding career with one of the largest employment sectors in the country.

The National Extended Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services has been designed to equip learners with the knowledge, understanding and skills required for a successful career in the uniformed or non-uniformed protective services.

The Uniformed Protective Services sector is diverse and encompasses services such as the Police service, the Fire and Rescue service, the Armed Services, and the Prison service. There are a wide range of occupations for graduate entry across the Uniformed Protective Services, including roles in the Police service and the Armed services. This qualification focuses on, but is not limited to, the Uniformed Protective Services such as Police service, Fire and Rescue service, Armed services, NHS, Border Agency and Prison service.

COURSE CONTENT

Everyone taking this qualification will study seven mandatory units:

- Citizenship and Diversity (Pearson-set)
- Behaviour and Discipline in the Uniformed Protective Services
- Global Affairs, the Media and the Uniformed Protective Services
- Physical Preparation, Health and Wellbeing
- Teamwork, Leadership and Communication in the Uniformed Protective Services
- Government and the Protective Services
- Planning for and Responding to Emergency Incidents

Students will also complete additional units, which have been designed to support learners who may choose to directly enter employment into the protective services sector, or those who wish to progress to higher education.

The BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma is a full time course completed over 2 years. The Extended Diploma is Equivalent in size to three A Levels.

ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

BTEC Nationals are assessed using a combination of internal assessments, which are set and marked by teachers, and external assessments that are set and marked by Pearson:

- Mandatory units have a combination of internal and external assessments
- Optional units are internally assessed.

Assessment methods may include essays, projects, presentations and attendance at practical events such as residential experiences and other activities. Our students also use training opportunities provided by the Emergency and Armed Services.

External assessment

Examinations are used for external assessment of two units in the Uniformed Protective Services suite. All learners take the same assessment at the same time. Learners are permitted to re-sit external assessments during their programme.

Synoptic assessment

Synoptic assessment allows learners to demonstrate that they can identify and use effectively, in an integrated way, an appropriate selection of skills, techniques, concepts, theories and knowledge from across the whole sector as relevant to a key task. Synoptic assessment takes place after teaching and learning of mandatory units, so that learners are able to independently select and apply learning from across the programme, by completing a vocational task.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

You may wish to use the qualification and UCAS points to gain entry into a university. Students who go to university do not necessarily need to study a 'public service' related degree. Others may use the qualification in order to enter specialist areas of employment, obtain a commission in the Armed Services or seek direct employment within the uniformed protective services sector.

COURSE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The minimum entry requirements for level 3 applied study apply. Students should also have achieved at least Grade 4 in English and Mathematics.