

This BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate course is equivalent to 1 A Level.

This course is aimed at students who would like to gain employment in the Uniformed Protective Services sector, or those who want to learn more about how the Uniformed Protective Services sector is organised. The Uniformed Protective Services includes the police, fire service, ambulance service and armed forces. Students will learn about the different services, the challenges they face and how they deal with both the physiological and psychological aspects of working within this sector. The course will give students the skills they need to understand the Uniformed Protective Services sector through studying a variety of units over a two year period. The course will provide a real insight into the work carried out by our Uniformed Protective Services and will give you the knowledge, skills and understanding you will need for direct employment into a range of Uniformed Protective Services or for progression on to a university course.

## Entry requirements

The entry requirements for this course are 5 GCSEs at grades 4-9 (or BTEC equivalents).

## Course Content

Each year we review the units to suit our students and their own personal development. Below are examples of the possible content.

- ◆ Behaviour and Discipline in the Uniformed Protective Services (Mandatory) (External)
- ◆ Teamwork, Leadership and Communication in the Uniformed Public Services (Mandatory)
- ◆ Skills for Outdoor Activities and the Uniformed Protective Services
- ◆ Expedition Skills
- ◆ Introduction to Criminology
- ◆ Police Powers and the Law



## Assessment

Assessment is a mixture of external examinations and you will complete a variety of internal assignments, some of which are practical and some project based. Evidence for assessment can include portfolio work, research/written assignments, video/observations, presentations all graded at Pass, Merit and Distinction. Unit 2 is assessed externally and all other units are assessed individually and the final grade is an aggregate of the unit grades achieved in all the units covered.

## Approach to Teaching and Learning

- ◆ Lectures
- ◆ Practical activities
- ◆ Expeditions and residential visits
- ◆ Group work/ Class discussion
- ◆ Individual research
- ◆ Workshops
- ◆ Visits
- ◆ Individual Reviews with your tutor



## Future Prospects

On successful completion of a BTEC in Uniformed Protective Services, students can progress into employment in the Uniformed Protective Service Sector or continue their studies at higher education establishments, leading to specialist courses in Protective Services.