

Uniformed Public Services

Subject Area	Uniformed & Protective Services
Course Type	School Leavers
Study Level	Level 2
Delivery Mode	Full-time
Location	Trinity Green
Duration	1 Academic Year
Start Date	September 2024
Course Code	PA000152

Course Summary

If you enjoy working with people, you will find a career in the Public Services very satisfying. This course will give you a realistic introduction to work in any of the Uniformed Public Services including: Fire, Police, Ambulance, Prison, Customs & Excise and the Armed Services (British Army, Royal Air Force, Royal Navy and Royal Marines). The course is exciting, interesting and varied, as it combines classroom-based study with practical and outdoor activities.

What You Will Learn

You will develop skills in:

- Communication
- Time management

- Interpersonal
- How to work as an Individual or as Part of a Team

There will be opportunities throughout the course for you to improve your Maths and English skills and to use appropriate computer software. Outdoor activities are essential elements of the course as are Skills for Life/Functional Skills IT. Day and residential visits are also an important part of this course.

You will learn through lectures, work-based assignments, projects and case studies based on real events, IT workshops and practical activities.

Modules

To be awarded the Level 2 Diploma for Entry to the Uniformed Services, learners are required to successfully complete 7 mandatory units and 2 optional units.

Mandatory units:

- Unit 01 – Investigate Employment in the Uniformed Services
- Unit 02 – Physical Fitness for the Uniformed Services
- Unit 03 – Develop Team Working and Problem Solving Skills
- Unit 04 – Health and Safety in the Uniformed Services
- Unit 05 – Health and Hygiene in the Uniformed Services
- Unit 06 – Follow Uniformed Service Routine
- Unit 07 – Exploring Equality and Diversity for the Uniformed Services

Optional units:

- Unit 08 – Carry out map reading and navigation
- Unit 11 – Explore the use of Telecommunication in the Uniformed Services*

***Examples of optional units, the final units will be confirmed at induction.**

Entry Requirements

Entry to this course requires a minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including GCSE English and Maths at grade 3. You should have a moderate level of physical fitness and an enthusiasm for exercise.

You must provide a satisfactory reference.

You will be invited to participate in a two day assessment that includes Maths and English tests, physical assessment and self-discipline.

We welcome applications from mature students who can demonstrate to us, by evidence of other studies or experience, that they have the capability to satisfactorily complete and benefit from the course.

English and/or Maths will be included in your timetable if you have not achieved a GCSE at Grade 4 or above in these subjects when you start your course.

Please note you will be required to purchase and wear a uniform and the course will include compulsory trips that you will have to pay for. You will also need to pay £60 costs for travel during outdoor activities. A pair of walking boots are essential to do this course and water proof clothing is advisable for your own comfort.

Work Experience

You will have the opportunity to attend lectures and discussions with representatives from various Public Service organisations as well as visits such as Police Riot Training and British Army day and residential activities. You can also join the College's Sports Academies and gym as well as participate in Public Services sports competitions. Some of your study will take place within the local community and in the local countryside.

Progression

After successfully completing a BTEC Level 2 diploma, you can progress onto Level 3 and 4 diplomas and then onto Higher Education if you choose to. A firefighter has the potential to earn £22,000 – £42,000+ a year. A soldier has the potential to earn £15,670 – £35,150+ a year. A police officer has the potential to earn £20,000 – £60,000+ a year.

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