

Subject: Public Services (Uniformed)

Level: BTEC Level 3 Diploma



Course Outline (Exam Board: Edexcel)

This course is the equivalent of two A-Levels and is aimed at students who are considering a career in the uniformed services such as the Fire and Rescue Services, Ambulance Service, Police and Armed Services.

Who would be a successful student of Public Services

This course will appeal to students who:

- Have a genuine interest in public services;
- Have a commitment to understanding how these services work.
- Enjoy working in a team, both in and outdoors.
- Enjoy learning in a variety of different ways, including looking at case studies and participating in role play and simulations.

Extra Curricular Activities

These include:

- Visiting the different services.
- Simulations of emergencies.
- Expeditions
- Visit to the House of Parliament
- Visit to Magistrates Court and Crown Court
- Outdoor Education Activities

Career Opportunities

You will find this course useful if you wish to follow a career in the following areas:

- Fire and Rescue Services
- Ambulance Service
- Police
- Armed Services

It can also provide a progression route into higher education.

Course Structure

There will be both mandatory and optional units that are studied.

Mandatory Units (50 credits)

1. Government Policies and the Public Services
2. Leadership and Teamwork in the Public Services
3. Citizenship, diversity and the Public Services
4. Understanding discipline in the Uniformed Public Services

Optional Units (70 credits)

Units will be chosen from

5. Physical preparation, health and lifestyle for the Public Services.
6. Fitness testing and training for the Uniformed Public Services.
7. International institutions and human rights
8. Understand the impact of war, conflict and terrorism on Public Service.
9. Outdoor and Adventurous expeditions
10. Skills for land-based outdoor and adventurous activities.
11. Skills for water-based outdoor and adventurous activities.
12. Crime and its effects on society
13. Command and control in the Uniformed Public Services
14. Responding to emergency service incidents.
15. Planning and management of major incidents
16. Career planning for the Public Services.
17. Police powers in the Public Services.
18. Behaviour in Public Sector employment
19. Fundamentals of nautical studies
20. Communication and technology in the Uniformed Public Services.
21. Custodial care services.
22. Aspects of the legal system and law-making process.
23. Extended research in Public Services
24. Current and media affairs in Public Services.
25. Enhancing Public Service delivery through the use of ICT.
26. Social welfare services
27. Personnel and human resources.
28. Security procedures in the Public Services
29. Practical team sports.
30. Exercise, health and lifestyle.

The units will be split over the two years.

How will I be assessed?

All units will be internally assessed through individual assignments.