



Level 3 Uniformed Protective Services

Exam Board: Edexcel

Entry requirements: 5 GCSE passes Grades 4-9, including English and Maths

Intent

Structure

This course is disciplined, practical, and offers a wide range of subject areas that will prepare students for careers within the Uniformed Protective Services (UPS). These include the Armed Forces, Emergency Services, HM Prison Service, the Civil Service and the Coast Guard. The course includes several trips and visits that are designed to support learning within the classroom and enhance the student experience. Trips include visits to the Fire Service and RNLI, walking expeditions, and outdoor adventurous activities such as climbing, orienteering and water sports.

The course is continuously assessed through assignments, practical project tasks, case studies and written exams. It uses practical activities, presentations and involvement with local Uniformed Protective Services wherever possible.

Course Aims for students to develop

- High personal standards of self-discipline
- An understanding of the skills & qualities required to be a member of the Uniformed Protective Services
- The skills necessary to describe, explain and evaluate key ideas
- Leadership and team work
- An appreciation of the outdoors
- An understanding of how to apply for jobs
- The ability to meet deadlines and improve organisation skills
- Good levels of personal fitness in order to pass public service fitness tests

Implementation

Content & Sequencing

Level 3 Course Structure: Diploma

Learners must complete 8 Units for a total of 720 Guided Learning Hours. The qualification is equivalent in size to two A Levels. Units include;

- 1 Citizenship and Diversity (Pearson-set)
- 2 Behaviour and Discipline in the UPS (Exam)
- 4 Physical Preparation, Health and Wellbeing
- 5 Teamwork, Leadership and Communication in the Uniformed Protective Services
- 6 Government and the Protective Services (Exam)
- 10 Skills for Outdoor Activities and the UPS
- 11 Expedition Skills
- 12 Developing Personal Fitness Programmes

Level 3 Course Structure: Extended Diploma

Learners must complete 13 Units for a total of 1080 Guided Learning Hours. The qualification is equivalent in size to three A Levels. In addition to the 8 Units for the Diploma, the Units include;

- 3 Global Affairs, the Media and the UPS
- 7 Planning for and Responding to Emergency Incidents (Synoptic)
- 13 Introduction to Criminology
- 15 Police Powers and the Law
- 19 Professional Development in the UPS

Assessment Methods

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. Coursework and exams, and discussions, presentations and practical performance that will all be videoed for evidence, are some of the ways in which you will be assessed.

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Onward Progression

On successful completion of the Level 3 Uniformed Protective Services qualification, a learner can progress on to Higher Education, a Level 4 Apprenticeship or employment in the Uniformed Protective Services.

University courses that students go on to study include Criminology, Psychology, Policing and Sport. Level 4 Apprenticeships in the Uniformed Protective Services and Public Services sector range from Custodial care, HM Forces, Security Services, Policing, Fire Fighting to Housing the Homeless.

A wide range of careers are available on completion of the Uniformed Protective Services course. For example in the Uniformed Public Services such as Police, Fire and Rescue, Ambulance, Prison and Armed Forces or Customs and Excise, or within the private security industry. The 6th Form Careers advisor will be able to give help and support throughout the course.

Skills gained and enrichment opportunities:

Students will develop a range of academic, vocational and practical skills. Previously students have taken part in Police riot training, rock climbing, paddle boarding and white water rafting. These skills will be fully tested when students plan, undertake and review their overnight expedition that takes places in the second year of the course.

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