

Ivybridge Community College

Career of the Week



Autumn Term

Job Title: Police Officer

Salary: £29,000 - £46,000 (Constable)

Working Hours: 37 - 40 hours per week, you could work evenings, weekends, bank holidays and on shifts. You will need to pass a fitness test and enhanced background checks. Your work may be physically and emotionally demanding.

How Can I Get There? / Routes of Entry:

- Sixth Form
- College
- Apprenticeship (Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship)

Local Providers:

- Ivybridge Community College and other Sixth Forms
- City College, Plymouth
- Exeter College
- University of Plymouth (Professional Policing Degree)

Skills Required:

- Knowledge of public safety and security
- Negotiation skills
- Patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- Sensitivity and understanding
- Legal knowledge including court procedures and government regulations
- The ability to understand people's reactions
- Excellent verbal communication skills – you may need to give evidence in court
- Leadership skills

Local Employers:

- Devon and Cornwall Police
- Avon and Somerset Police

Progression:

You could move up the ranks in the Police Force via promotions, or take the opportunity to specialize in a particular area such as firearms, dog handling, traffic, or Criminal Investigation Department (CID).