



BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Uniformed Protective Services

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Exam Board:

Pearson EDEXCEL

Overview of the course:

A modular specification designed to introduce you to a wide range of topics related to the Protective Services. A BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate is equivalent to one A Level.

Who is the Course Suitable for?

If you are interested in the emergency, armed or government services. It will prepare students to enter employment in the Services, whether immediately after their Sixth Form studies or via Higher Education at university or college.

Why Consider Taking Protective Services?

The course provides students with a fundamental understanding and key skills for entering the Services. You will study important teamwork, leadership and communication skills as well as other excellent vocational skills that make you highly employable.

What will you study?

Students learn key components of various branches of the services, including the Police and Royal Navy; and allow students to investigate in more detail, specific roles and responsibilities they are interested in, developing a professional profile.

The units of work are designed to ensure a broad range of knowledge, applied through a vocational, practical method giving students the opportunity to develop key transferable skills and pursue their passion for the Protective Service they are interested in.

Assessment

The Level 3 National Extended Certificate is made up of four units.

Two mandatory units:

Unit 2 - Behaviour and Discipline

Unit 5 – Teamwork, Leadership and Communication

Two optional units from:

Unit 10 – Skills for Outdoor Activities

Unit 11 – Expedition Skills

Unit 13 – Introduction to Criminology

Unit 15 – Police Powers and the Law

Unit 19 – Professional Development

One externally assessed examination:

Unit 2: Behaviour and Discipline

Examination is 2 hours, 80 marks, sat in either January or May.

Three internally assessed units. Assessments will range from project work, practical assessment and written work; marked by your teacher.

Possible career path?

This qualification is aimed towards students who are interested in a career in the Services, either via university or directly into employment.

- Armed Services – Royal Navy, Army, Royal Marines, RAF
- Emergency Services – Police, Fire & Rescue, Paramedics, Coastguard
- Government Services – Prison Officer, Public Services

The skills you will learn throughout this qualification also assist with careers in criminology, teaching and coaching, and law.

Entry requirements

Five GCSEs Grade 9 - 5, including English and Mathematics.