

Level 3 National Extended Diploma Uniformed Protective Services

Why study this course at Cronton Sixth Form?

If you see your future working in the Uniformed Protected Services, then this exciting two-year course is an ideal foundation on which to build your chosen career. Whether it be gaining employment in the Police Service, Fire Service, The Military, (The Army, Navy, Royal Marines, RAF) Prison Service, Ambulance Service or Customs and Excise, The NHS, Local Councils or the voluntary and charitable sector.

Alternatively, you may wish to go to university first to gain a degree before gaining entry to a public service on a graduate scheme. If this is the case, the Level 3 Extended Diploma (which is equivalent to three 'A' Levels) will give you the qualification you need to progress onto Higher Education. Many students each year choose to go to university to study degrees in Criminology, Psychology, Criminal Justice, Outdoor Pursuits, and Leadership in Police or Fire service studies.

During the course, you will gain a range of knowledge and skills from theoretical and practical study. You will develop key team working, leadership and problem-solving skills and you will be continually assessed over the two years through a variety of assessment methods. You will improve your fitness levels and will benefit from exciting trips and visiting speakers. Our expert Public Services tutors will encourage you exceed your expectations and move a step closer to your ideal career.

What will I study?

Students studying these qualifications will cover a broad range of subjects across the sector of both the Uniformed Protected Services and Public Services industries such as Emergency Services, Armed Services, Local Authority, Custodial Services, the Criminal Justice sector as well as Voluntary and Charitable Organisations.

Learners will benefit from a large selection of Industry based employees coming to visit the college to speak to students and engage them in related activities.

Students will take part in a five-day residential placement at an army base to help develop independent living skills, fitness and confidence levels and teamwork. Learners will participate in a variety of both land and water-based activities including walking in Wales, Yorkshire and Cheshire, Mountain Biking, BMX biking, as well as local bouldering, climbing, kayaking and raft building. In the final term learners will take part in three-day expedition up in the Lake District being assessed on map reading and compass work, camp craft, teamwork and leadership as well as improving their fitness levels. Students will experience a wide variety of volunteering opportunities and benefit from our invaluable links with local and national public services. Visits from guest speakers will enhance their learning and future career opportunities.

How will I be assessed?

Coursework, Group Seminars, Professional Discussions, Practical Delivery and EXAMS are some of the assessment's methods used to achieve the qualification modules.

Areas of study include:

Unit 13: Introduction to Criminology

Unit 5: Teamwork, Leadership and Communication in the Uniformed Protected Services

Unit 4: Physical Preparation and Health and Well-being

Unit 2: Behaviour and Discipline in the Uniformed Protected Services (Exam)

A Centre of Excellence

Students will benefit from talks at college by industry guest speakers and residential trips, including a five day placement at an army base and a three day expedition to the Lake District. Learners will also participate in a variety of activities, including walking in Wales, Yorkshire and Cheshire, mountain biking, BMX biking, local bouldering, climbing, kayaking and raft building. Students will experience a wide variety of volunteering opportunities and will benefit from our links with local and national public services.

Be inspired

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Please note:

You will study your vocational course full time over one or two years.

Vocational courses are assessed via a mix of projects, assessments and exams and can also offer students progression to university.

Entry Requirements

A minimum of 5 GCSEs at Grades 9 - 4 including a Grade 4 in English Language a Grade 3 in Maths.

What will my timetable look like?

You will be in College for 2.5 days a week. During that time you will spend time in gym and classrooms developing the theoretical and practical skills to equip you with knowledge required to work in the public service sector. You will be required to complete a work experience unit and carry out voluntary work.

You will also have a 1 hour tutorial session with your assigned Personal Tutor who will cover your tutorial times. This will support you in applying for UCAS, development of your CV and prepare you for the world of work. They will also help you manage your work load with an individual learning plan. You will also spend time in the classroom learning the theory behind the subject and preparing for your assessments and working on your assignment briefs. You will spend 3 hours in Maths unless you have passed your GCSE already.

Can I study this course if I have not taken it at GCSE?

You will need to achieve at least 5 GCSE's at grade 4 and above including English Language and Maths.

Enrichment Opportunities

Students studying Public Services at Cronton had the opportunity to go Skiing in France and visit Barcelona, these experiences have provided them with the opportunity to travel, complete work experience, take in different cultures, grow on a personal level and make lifelong friendships.

Students also will take part in a full Sport enrichment programme and talented sports performers will have the opportunity to join our Centre of Sporting Excellence providing access to the fitness suites in the new IDEA Centre. Our coaches are committed to helping young athletes develop and excel both academically and professionally. Our extensive elite sporting opportunities include individual coaching, prestigious and high-profile sporting partnerships, scholarships, links with governing bodies and an international ski trip. The focus is on encouraging and supporting every student in maximising their performance in their chosen sport.

What can this course lead on to?

Students can progress to university to study a variety of degrees including Public Services, Politics, Criminal Justice, Psychology, Exercise and Fitness. Alternatively, students can progress to employment in the Uniformed Services. Help and advice will be given throughout the course.

Any additional costs?

Students will be expected to purchase the course kit package that is £48.50 and make a contribution to trips and visits that are organised to support curriculum delivery. You may wish to purchase Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Public Services book 1 & 2.

What have previous students said about this course?

"The reason I chose to study at Cronton is their pass rates for vocational courses is 100%. I want to pursue a career in the armed forces, and this has been excellent preparation for me, as I didn't want to go straight there after leaving school"

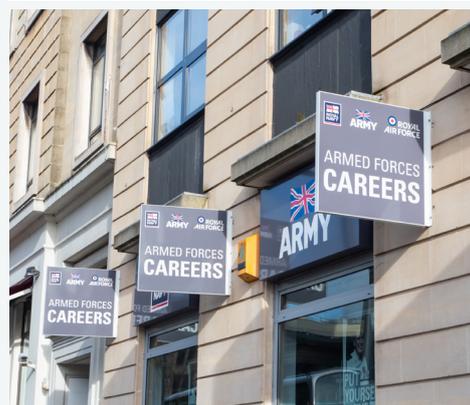
Ofsted Outstanding 2020

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Outstanding Results 2021
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