

# Level 2 Diploma Public Services

## Why study this course at Cronton Sixth Form?

If you see your future working in the Uniformed Protected Services, then this exciting one-year course is an ideal foundation on which to build your chosen career. Whether it be gaining employment in the Police Service, Fire Service, Armed Forces (The Army, Navy, Royal Marines, RAF) Prison Service, Central Government, 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, progressing to 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.

Learners will participate in a variety of activities across the year to develop their skills including walking in Wales, Yorkshire and Cheshire to learn navigation skills to support them during their multi-day expedition. 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:

Role and Working of the Public Services (Exam), Working Skills in the public service sector, Health, Fitness and Lifestyle in the public services, Citizenship, Society and the public services (Exam), Crime and its effects on Society and Individuals, Law and its impact on individuals, Land Navigation and Map and Compass, Multi-day Expedition Experience

## Opportunities

Students will benefit from talks at college by industry guest speakers and residential trips, including 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

Students studying Public Services will cover a broad range of subjects across industries including; the emergency services, armed services, local authority, custodial services, the criminal justice sector, voluntary sector and charitable organisations.



## Opening this year

Brand new facilities including:

- Modern gym
- Sports hall
- Changing facilities



## Entry Requirements

A minimum of 4 GCSEs at grades 9 - 3 including a Grade 3 in English Language and a Grade 2 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 2.5 hours in Maths unless you have passed your GCSE already.

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

Yes, you do not need to study this at GCSE level, however, will be required to have achieved 4 GCSE's at 9-3 including Grade 3 in English Language and Grade 2 in 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?

Most students progress onto the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Uniformed Protected Services or Fitness Instructor Certificate, but some students go directly into one of the services.

## Any additional costs?

Students will be expected to purchase the course kit package and make a contribution to trips and visits that are organised to support curriculum delivery.

## 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"

## Scholarships

Talented sport students can also apply for our scholarships, worth up to £2000 each.

## Ofsted Outstanding 2020

### Our students

"Relationships between learners, apprentices and their teachers and assessors are excellent"

### Our teachers

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## Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS)

The Centre of Sporting Excellence at Cronton Sixth Form can support talented athletes studying any programme with their sporting and academic success with the TASS programme.

## Opportunities

You will also have the opportunity to join one of the college sports teams, including:

- Football teams
- Rugby teams
- Netball team
- Basketball team

You can also represent the college at AOC competitions