

Uniformed Public Services



We can equip you for a career in the Police Force, Ambulance and Fire Service, the Armed Forces, Territorial Army or as a Special Constable.

Our courses enable you to gain the skills and insight, and prepare you to perform effectively within one of these professions.

Residential and outdoor activities are part of the course and you will spend some time away from home.

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Thomas Hextall,
BTEC Level 3 Diploma: Public Services



Thomas has been given opportunities to take part in volunteer work coaching under 10's in football and has applied for the special constables. Thomas was recognised by Leicester College as the Sports and Uniformed Public Services Learner of the Year. Thomas would like a career in the Army or Royal Navy and is thinking of applying for an armed forces and combat engineer course at university.

He said: "I wanted to better myself through further education, and since coming to Leicester College, tutors have encouraged me and made me realise what I can achieve. There's an open environment and tutors are friendly but professional."



Entry to Sport and Public Service

Location: Freeman's Park Campus
Course Code: A9253
Course Length: One Year
Qualification Level: Entry

What's it all about?

The course has been designed to provide you with an insight into both the sporting and public service industries. In addition, the inclusion of Functional Skills and WorkSkills qualification will prepare you for the world of work.

What does it involve?

The structure of the Entry to Sport and Public Services course includes the BTEC Entry Award in Sport, the BTEC Entry Award in Public Services and the BTEC Entry Certificate in WorkSkills. Also, Entry level Functional Skills in English, Maths and ICT will be performed.

Are there exams?

No, assessment is continuous.

What entry qualifications do I need?

No formal qualifications required. However, at least one positive academic reference is required with each application.

What can I do afterwards?

Successful completion of this course and a positive performance reference will allow progression onto the following courses: NVQ level 1 in Sport or level 1 Diploma in Public Services. You can gain employment in sports coaching, activity leadership, police force or army.

What days and times will I be in College?

13.5 hours per week over 35 weeks.

Are there any other things I need to know?

Trips will be arranged throughout the year to both enhance your progression throughout the course.

Level 1 Diploma: Public Services

Location: Freeman's Park Campus
Course Code: A7256
Course Length: One Year
Qualification Level: 1

What's it all about?

It supports a career in the uniformed public services such as the Fire, Police and Ambulance services, Royal Air Force, Army and Royal Navy.

What does it involve?

It consists of a variety of units designed to enhance personal skills and knowledge. It consists of six core units and four specialist units:

- the uniformed and non-uniformed public services
- introduction to fitness and lifestyle for working in the public services
- personal effectiveness in the public services
- diversity in the public services
- social responsibility and the value of the citizen in the public services
- introduction to health and safety in the public services
- practical application and use of ICT in the public services
- practical team working in the public services
- introduction to map work and navigation skills for the public services
- incidents and the public services.

Are there exams?

No, assessment is continuous.

What entry qualifications do I need?

Two GCSEs or equivalent (any grade). One academic reference and one non-academic reference, for example from the leader of the cadet force you may have joined.

What can I do afterwards?

Progress onto further vocational courses such as the level 2 BTEC Diploma in Public Services. Develop skills to enable you to apply for any of the public services, or to transfer skills into any other type of career.

What days and times will I be in College?

A minimum of per week in College over 36 weeks.

Are there any other things I need to know?

You will be required to do work outside of normal timetabled hours. There may be some costs associated with the uniform. Various activities may be included, such as trips to fire stations, magistrates' court and Army Personal Development Days. Residentials may involve camping as part of the outdoor activities units. There is a strict dress code applied to all practical sessions that you will be expected to comply with. You must be prepared to perform a number of voluntary hours within the Uniformed Public Services industry.



BTEC Level 2 Diploma: Public Services

Location: Freeman's Park Campus
Course Code: A0729
Course Length: One Year
Qualification Level: 2

What's it all about?

This course will support you to gain an insight into the roles and activities of the uniformed public services and the skills required for entry into these organisations. It will cover theory, and practical aspects of service life.

What does it involve?

It consists of six units including: improving fitness, career planning and employment in public services that are all related to public service employment. You will also study Functional Skills in English and maths.

Are there exams?

No, assessment is continuous.

What entry qualifications do I need?

Four GCSEs at grade D, or a level 1 vocational qualification plus GCSE English at Grade D/E.

What can I do afterwards?

BTEC level 3 Diploma in Public Services or other level 3 courses providing you meet their entry requirements or you can progress directly into the uniformed public services depending on their recruitment criteria.

What days and times will I be in College?

A minimum of 14 hours per week over 35 weeks, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Are there any other things I need to know?

Work placement is optional. You must be prepared to perform a number of voluntary hours within the Uniformed Public Services industry.

BTEC Level 3 Diploma: Public Services

Location: Freeman's Park Campus
Course Code: A8696
Course Length: Two Years
Qualification Level: 3

What's it all about?

This course is for you if you wish to enter into one of the Public Services such as the Fire, Police, Royal Air Force and the Army. This course is an excellent step into industry related employment or progression into higher education.

What does it involve?

You will study up to 12 units which cover a diverse range of materials including leadership and teamwork, outdoor and adventurous activities, practical team sports and citizenship. The units have been developed to assess personal learning and thinking skills across the qualification.

Are there exams?

No, assessment is continuous.

What entry qualifications do I need?

4 GCSEs at grade C and above (or equivalent) including English and Maths and preferably IT. Alternatively a BTEC First Diploma in a related subject area with a Merit profile and level 2 Functional Skills in literacy, numeracy and preferably IT.

What can I do afterwards?

Upon successful completion, you can progress on to Higher Education courses in related study areas or into your chosen public service. Progression to university or employment within the public service sector, such as the Fire Service, Police Force, Customs and Excise, Prison Services or the Royal Navy, Royal Air Force and the Army.

What days and times will I be in College?

A minimum of 21 hours per week over 35 weeks, Monday to Thursday.

Are there any other things I need to know?

Work placement is optional. Various trips and residential are incorporated into the course. All external visits and residential where applicable are mandatory. You will also be required to purchase a uniform at an additional cost.



BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma: Public Services

Location: Freeman's Park Campus
Course Code: A9497
Course Length: Two Years
Qualification Level: 3

What's it all about?

As with the BTEC level 3 Diploma in Public Services, this course is for you if you wish to enter into one of the Public Services such as the Fire, Police, Royal Air Force and the Army and/or higher education.

What does it involve?

This course is the second year of the BTEC level 3 Diploma in Public Services and contributes the additional units so that the qualification is equivalent to 3 A levels. Upon successful completion of this qualification, you can progress to Higher Education or a relevant industry employment. The BTEC level 3 Extended Diploma in Public Services is a one year programme intended to provide you with the knowledge and practical skills required in the public service industries. You will study up to 6 units which cover a diverse range of materials including major incidents, physical preparation and practical team sports. The units have been developed to assess personal learning and thinking skills across the qualification. In addition you will perform an additional short qualification that enhances your ability to gain employment.

Are there exams?

Yes, exams and continuous assessment.

What entry qualifications do I need?

4 GCSEs at grade C and above (or equivalent) including English and Maths and preferably IT. In addition, the completion of the BTEC level 3 Diploma in Public Services is required.

What can I do afterwards?

Progression into many public service industries including the Fire Service, Police and Armed Services.

What days and times will I be in College?

A minimum of 21 hours per week over 35 weeks, Monday to Thursday.

Are there any other things I need to know?

Various trips and residential are incorporated into the curriculum. All external visits and residential where applicable are mandatory. You will also be required to purchase a uniform at an additional cost.

Bursary funding

Need financial help to attend College?
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Travel

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Find out about subsidised bus passes on page 7.

Apprenticeships Earn while you learn

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