St Benedict's Sixth Form

BTEC Level 3 Uniformed Protective Services

Course Description

The uniformed protective services sector is diverse and encompasses uniformed public services such as the police service, the fire and rescue service, the armed services and the prison service. These public services are organised and financed by the government to benefit society. There is a wide range of occupations for graduate entry across the uniformed protective services, including roles in the police service and the armed services. This qualification focuses on, but is not limited to, the uniformed protective services such as the police service, fire and rescue service, armed services and prison service.

Skills Attained

The course content allows students to develop the essential skills and knowledge identified in the sector, such as discipline, teamwork, communication, sensitivity and openness when working with diverse groups, looking after vulnerable people, and working collaboratively. The content also helps students to develop a healthy lifestyle and the physical fitness skills that are required for entry to a number of uniformed protective services roles.

Assessment

Students must all take two mandatory units. Unit 2 Behaviour and Discipline in the Uniformed Protective Services is assessed by an externally set exam. Unit 5 Teamwork, Leadership and Communication in the Uniformed Protective Services is assessed internally. Students will also be internally assessed through two more units (Unit 10 Skills for Outdoor Activities and the UPS and Unit 13 Introduction to Criminology). Students will study two units in Year 12, and two units in Year 13



Progression

This qualification is designed to be the substantive part of a 16–19 study programme for learners who want a strong core of sector study and a focus on the uniformed protective services.

It can be taken alongside a complementary or contrasting area of study as part of a two-year, fulltime study programme. This qualification supports progression to higher education if taken as part of a programme of study that includes other BTEC Nationals or A Levels, and to employment in the uniformed protective services.

Entry Requirements

Grade 4 in GCSE English

Exam Board: Edexcel

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