



# BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services

## AIM OF THE COURSE

Uniformed Protective Services are at the very heart of our community and those who pursue a career within the Protective Services will be fulfilling a vital role in society. The BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services has a practical emphasis. On completion, learners will have taken an important first step on the ladder of a well-structured and rewarding career with one of the largest employment sectors in the country.

The National Extended Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services has been designed to equip learners with the knowledge, understanding and skills required for a successful career in the uniformed or non-uniformed protective services.

The Uniformed Protective Services sector is diverse and encompasses services such as the Police service, the Fire and Rescue service, the Armed Services, and the Prison service. There are 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 Police service, Fire and Rescue service, Armed services, NHS, Border Agency and Prison service.

## COURSE CONTENT

Everyone taking this qualification will study seven mandatory units:

- Citizenship and Diversity (Pearson-set)
- Behaviour and Discipline in the Uniformed Protective Services
- Global Affairs, the Media and the Uniformed Protective Services
- Physical Preparation, Health and Wellbeing
- Teamwork, Leadership and Communication in the Uniformed Protective Services
- Government and the Protective Services
- Planning for and Responding to Emergency Incidents

Students will also complete additional units, which have been designed to support learners who may choose to directly enter employment into the protective services sector, or those who wish to progress to higher education.

The BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma is a full time course completed over 2 years. The Extended Diploma is Equivalent in size to three A Levels.

## ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

BTEC Nationals are assessed using a combination of internal assessments, which are set and marked by teachers, and external assessments that are set and marked by Pearson:

- Mandatory units have a combination of internal and external assessments
- Optional units are internally assessed.

Assessment methods may include essays, projects, presentations and attendance at practical events such as residential experiences and other activities. Our students also use training opportunities provided by the Emergency and Armed Services.

### *External assessment*

Examinations are used for external assessment of two units in the Uniformed Protective Services suite. All learners take the same assessment at the same time. Learners are permitted to re-sit external assessments during their programme.

### *Synoptic assessment*

Synoptic assessment allows learners to demonstrate that they can identify and use effectively, in an integrated way, an appropriate selection of skills, techniques, concepts, theories and knowledge from across the whole sector as relevant to a key task. Synoptic assessment takes place after teaching and learning of mandatory units, so that learners are able to independently select and apply learning from across the programme, by completing a vocational task.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

You may wish to use the qualification and UCAS points to gain entry into a university. Students who go to university do not necessarily need to study a 'public service' related degree. Others may use the qualification in order to enter specialist areas of employment, obtain a commission in the Armed Services or seek direct employment within the uniformed protective services sector.

## COURSE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The minimum entry requirements for level 3 applied study apply. Students should also have achieved at least Grade 4 in English and Mathematics.