

Why study BTEC Public Services?

The BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Public Services will prepare you for employment in the public services sector, including the emergency services, e.g. fire service, paramedics, search and rescue, the police and the armed forces, e.g. the army, navy and air force. BTEC Public Services is also valuable for students interested in politics and law, health care and education. The public services are at the forefront of our daily lives. This course will help you to understand the role of the government in the public services, the impact of government policies and the way that laws are made. You will develop leadership and team building skills through practical activities and apply your skills to plan and manage an outdoor expedition.

What will I study?

Year 12:

Unit 1: Government, Policies and the Public Services

- *The structure of the UK government, elections and the law*

Unit 2: Leadership and Teamwork in the Public Services

- *Types of leadership and practical teamwork challenges*

Unit 3: Citizenship and Diversity in the Public Services

- *The rights and responsibilities of British citizens in the UK*

Year 13:

Unit 7: International Institutions and Human Rights

- *The impact of the UN and NATO on the British armed forces*

Unit 9: Outdoor Expeditions

- *Planning and conducting a walking expedition*

Unit 16: Career Planning for the Public Services

- *Research careers and the applications process for jobs in the public services, e.g. entry tests for the army and air force*

Assessment

BTEC Public Services is assessed through 100% coursework including both written and practical assessments, such as participation in a law-making workshop at the Houses of Parliament and your outdoor expedition (don't get lost!).

Study trips, visits and events

- Year 12 trip to London and the Houses of Parliament
- Army training day
- Visit to HMS Flying Fox
- Year 13 outdoor expedition (1 day)

Subject entry requirements

4 in Maths, plus 4 in English Literature or Language

Student Perspective

“I was interested in developing my leadership skills and understanding how different public services operate in my community.”

Harry, Year 13

“I have always been interested in politics and learning about the way in which governments are formed and operate was exciting.”

Kia, Year 13