

# BTEC LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC SERVICES



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# PROTECTIVE SERVICES ACADEMY (PSA)

## »»» About the qualification

You will study for a BTEC Extended Diploma in Public Services based at The Mosslands School, Wallasey starting in September 2018. This is a two-year programme designed for 16-19-year-old young adults that are interested in a career in the armed forces, police, fire service, prison services or even the civil service. This course will provide you with the skills, qualities and importantly the nationally recognised qualification you will need for a successful career in the protective services.

The course will be delivered by tutors who are experts in their fields, who are well qualified and experienced, so your future will be in very good hands.

## »»» What will I study?

Protective Services Academy is a unique programme and is split into two parts;

**Part 1 (Core)** Extended Diploma in Public Services in Level 3, which consists of the following units;

**Year 1** – Government policies, leadership and teamwork, citizenship and diversity, understanding discipline, fitness testing and training, land-based adventurous activities, command and control, and exercise, health and lifestyle

**Year 2** – Physical Preparation, international institutions, Impact of war, conflict and terrorism, outdoor expeditions, water-based adventurous activities, crime and its effects, planning major incidents and security procedures and practical team sports

**Part 2 (Protective Services Syllabus)** – which will provide you with the opportunity to develop your wider skills and qualities in preparation for entry into the protective services or university study. Protective Services Academy will consist of; Physical training and sports (at least 4 times per week), field craft, first aid, personal development, careers, guest speakers from all protective services, regular trips and one residential per term

Both parts of the programme will be assessed through the following methods;

Written work (Essays and Reports), Demonstrations, Presentations, Practical Assessment, Participation, Reflection and Self/Peer Assessment

This unique programme of combining a nationally recognised qualification with a bespoke preparation package will ensure that you leave with the knowledge and understanding of the work performed by protective services and the environments they operate in both at home and abroad.

You will have developed the necessary communication, leadership, teamwork and organisational skills required to be successful in the protective services. Additionally, you would have also developed your physical and mental robustness which will support you passing entrance tests and exams when joining the protective services.





## »»» Where can this qualification take me?

**The Extended Diploma in Public Service Level 3 is equivalent to THREE A2 Levels qualifications, meaning that this qualification allows you to gain UCAS points.**

This will put you in a unique position on successful completion of the course; Join the protective services or progress to university.

Here are some examples of the types of protective services that protective services students typically join;

Police, Fire, Ambulance Service, British Army, Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Royal Air Force, HM Prison and Probation Service, HM Revenue and Customs, Border Force, Maritime and Coastguard Agency, Royal National Lifeboats Institute, Mountain Rescue Service

Here is some example of the types of university courses that Protective Services Academy students typically progress onto;

BA (Hons) Public Service, BA (Hons) Policing Studies, BSc (Hons) Psychosocial Analysis of Offending Behaviour, BSc (Hons) Community Policing and Criminal Investigation, BSc (Hons) Cybersecurity, BSc (Hons) Policing and Criminal Investigation.



## »»» What do I need to get on the course?

**The first thing we are after at Protective Services Academy is the right individual, this comes in all different forms but the basic requirements would be, commitment, grit, sense of humour and willingness to 'have a go'.**

You will also need either;

- 5 GCSEs at grade C/4 or above (including English and Maths)

**or**

- Any Level 2 Diploma at Merit level plus grade C/4 or above in English and Maths

\*However, if you have not achieved the Maths and/or English, you can still join the course but would have to do these qualifications alongside the Extended Diploma course.

All applicants are required to undertake the Protective Services Academy Selection test which will include:

- a fitness test, leadership/teamwork planning test and an interview.



## »»» Frequently asked questions

### **I did this course where could it lead me?**

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### **What is included in the selection for the academy?**

**The Protective Services Academy selection process will consist of the following elements:**

- Physical – 2.4km (1.5 mile) timed run
- Problem Solving– Desktop leadership task
- Verbal – Face to Face interview

### **What if I am not very fit?**

**Your tutors are very experienced and qualified so they will give you all the help and support that you need to improve your fitness to get you ready to apply for the protective services after the 2 years on the course.**

You will do fitness and sports on a regular basis on the course both through the core programme and the bespoke Protective Services Academy syllabus.





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### **How many days a week will I be in?**

**You will be in the Academy at least FOUR days per week, with 1 full day off. However, on this day off you will be expected to work on assessments plus get work/volunteering experience.**

So like the protective services, you will essentially have a full working week. This is great preparation for work and will get you used to what will be the minimum expectations required for full time employment.

### **What if I'm not sure if I want to join a Protective Service yet?**

**Having some interest in joining the protective services will certainly be an advantage as regardless of your future aspirations, you will be required to take part in all activities, visit, residentials, and complete all coursework which will be all related to the Protective Services.**

Many students join the Protective Services course with a plan and due to the varied nature of the course, it is natural that this plan may change. The uniqueness of this programme is that we will prepare you to join the Protective Services but also prepare you for university also.

### **What are the costs of doing the course?**

**The course is free for all 16-18 year olds through the education funding agency, so don't worry about that. The course will have costs attached for uniform, equipment, trips and visits but these will be explained to you during your induction as costs will vary.**

Example: A 3 day residential to London as part of Unit 1 Government Policies may cost you £150, a day kayaking may cost you £5, however, a day hill walking on Snowdon will cost you nothing, so all costs will be explained to you on induction.

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Telephone No.  Date of birth

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Postcode

Email

Gender Male  Female

Parent / Guardian

What GCSE's are you studying?

## Ethnicity - (Optional)

White British  Irish

Mixed White & Black Carribean  White & Asian   
White & Black African  Other

Asian or Asian British Indian  Pakistani  Bangladeshi   
Other

Black or Black British African  Caribbean  Other

Chinese Chinese  Other

Or any other ethnic group

Prefer not to say

Signed  Date

