

VENUE AND DURATION OF COURSE:

East Surrey College, Gatton Point, Redhill, RH1 2JX, 1 year Full-time, 3 - 4 days per week (confirmed at interview, depending on English and Maths lessons).

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

4 GCSE grade 9-2 (A*-E) including English and Maths.

WHAT QUALIFICATIONS WILL I GET?

Public Services BTEC Level 1 Introductory Diploma in Public Services.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is an ideal option for those considering work in the various services such as the Police Service, Prison Service, Fire and Rescue Services, Royal Air Force, British Army, Royal Navy and Civil Service. The course is disciplined and practical and offers a wide range of subjects that will prepare students for careers within the services, giving them an idea of potential career paths. It offers a range of practical experiences, including expeditions, team-building and leadership tasks, sector visits and health & fitness.

This course is suitable for learners who can demonstrate the physical and mental robustness required for a career in the public/protective services. The course is often challenging, preparing learners for a sector that requires a positive mindset, resilience and discipline.

Uniform is mandatory and must be purchased at the beginning of the course.

UNITS/TOPICS COVERED:

All BTEC Level 1 Students will study these mandatory units:

- Being organised
- Developing a personal progression plan
- Working with others
- Researching a topic

Public Services students will also study the subject-specific units:

- Finding out about Public Services
- Taking part in fitness testing
- Responding to an incident
- Planning and navigating a route
- Contributing to your community
- Sport and Adventurous activities

Students will also need to complete a work experience or work-based project programme, totalling 35 hours in the year. All units need to be passed in order to complete the qualification.

TYPE OF ASSESSMENT:

Level 1 BTEC is a portfolio-based assessment programme that allows students to submit coursework at specific dates throughout the academic year. Assessment comes in a range of forms, and includes essays and reports, practical assessment and observation, class tests, presentations, discussion seminars and practical projects.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

You will need to purchase uniform items consisting of trousers, belt, polo shirts, hoodie, a waterproof jacket and black boots. Uniform can be ordered during enrolment. You will need pens, paper and relevant stationery to complete classroom tasks.

WHERE CAN IT LEAD

Obtaining a Merit or above will allow you to move on to a Public Services Level 2 Extended Certificate, or another Level 2 qualification at the College.

COURSE FEE:

If you are under 19 on 31/08/2025, tuition is free. If you are 19 or over, please consult Client Services for advice and guidance on funding and eligibility.

Please be aware that there will be additional costs for educational visits. This must be paid at enrolment. This information will be available from the curriculum staff at interview.

WHAT TO DO NEXT:

If you have any additional queries, please contact our Client Services team on 01737 788444 or at clientservices@esc.ac.uk.

To apply online for this course, please visit www.esc.ac.uk.

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