

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:

5 GCSE grade 9-3 (A*-D) that includes English and Maths or; Level 1 Diploma and GCSE grade 9-3 (A*-D) in English and Maths.

WHAT QUALIFICATIONS WILL I GET?

Public Services Level 2 Extended Certificate. This qualification is the equivalent of four GCSEs grade 9-4 (A*-C) and allows progression on to the range of two year Level 3 courses if a merit grade or above is achieved.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The Level 2 Extended Certificate Public Services course is disciplined, practical, and offers a wide range of subject areas that will prepare students for careers within the Uniformed Public Services, these include the Armed Forces, Emergency Services, HM Prison Service, the Civil Service and the Coast Guard.

The Course includes a number of trips and visits that are designed to support learning within the classroom and enhance the students experience. Trips include visiting the Houses of Parliament, a self-guided crime tour of London, and the Imperial War Museum. Other practical activities include expeditions and outdoor adventurous activities.

The course is continuously assessed through assignments, practical project tasks and case studies. There are two externally assessed units as part of this qualification. It uses practical activities, presentations and involvement with local Public Services wherever possible.

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:

Within the course, students will study units covering:

- Role and work of Public Services
- Working skills in the Public Services
- Health, fitness and lifestyle
- Citizenship, society and the Public Services
- Crime and its effects on society and individuals
- Land navigation using map and compass
- Volunteering
- Multi-day expeditions



Students will also complete a 35 hour work experience or work-based project programme during the year. There will be an opportunity to complete or retake GCSE in English and Maths. All units need to be passed in order to complete the qualification.

TYPE OF ASSESSMENT:

BTEC is a largely portfolio based assessment programme that allows learners 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. This course also has two externally assessed exam units.

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 3 Extended Diploma, or another Level 3 qualification at the College. It can also lead to a range of jobs working in industries including, and not limited to, sport, outdoor and adventurous, social and youth work and events. If progressing to level 3 you can only be enrolled on to Maths or English and not both.

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 may be additional costs for equipment and educational visits. This information will be available from the curriculum staff at interview.

WHAT TO DO NEXT:

If you have any outstanding 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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