

VENUE AND DURATION OF COURSE:

East Surrey College, Gatton Point, Redhill, RH1 2JX, 2 years Full-time. 3 - 4 days per week (confirmed at interview).

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

5 GCSEs grade 9-4 (A*-C) including English and Maths or: BTEC NQF Level 2 Extended Certificate/BTEC QCF Level 2 Diploma Merit/Distinction and GCSEs grade 9-4 (A*-C) in English and Maths

WHAT QUALIFICATIONS WILL I GET?

Students who choose to stay on for two years, can achieve a Level 3 Extended Diploma in Protective Services. During Year one, students will achieve a Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services equivalent to 1.5 A Levels. During Year two, students will achieve the full Level 3 Extended Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services (equivalent to 3 A Levels).

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This 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 student experience. Trips include visiting the Houses of Parliament, a self-guided crime tour of London, walking expeditions, the Imperial War Museum and outdoor adventurous activities.

The course is continuously assessed through assignments, practical project tasks and case studies. 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:

Year one (Foundation Diploma)

- Citizenship and Diversity
- Behaviour and Discipline
- Physical preparation, Health and Wellbeing
- Teamwork, Leadership and Communication
- Expedition Skills



Year two (Extended Diploma)

- Global Affairs and the Media
- Government and the Protective Services
- Planning for and responding to Emergency incidents
- Skills for Outdoor Activities
- Developing personal fitness programmes
- Police powers and the law
- Understanding the third sector
- Criminal investigation procedures and practise

Throughout the course, you will have the opportunity to complete a first aid qualification, and a Level 1 NICAS Climbing qualification. Other opportunities also will be available, which we will communicate throughout the course. Students will also complete a 35-hour work experience or work-based project programme during the year. All units need to be passed in order to complete the qualification.

TYPE OF ASSESSMENT:

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 external examinations, reports, practical assessment and observation, class tests, presentations, discussion seminars and practical projects and coursework (There will be an approximate 70/30 split with coursework making up the majority of the assessment). Students will be asked to meet stringent deadlines and only have one opportunity at each assessment.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

You will need to purchase uniform including: trousers, belt, polo shirts, hoodie, waterproof jacket and black boots. Uniform can be ordered during enrolment. You will also need pens, paper and relevant stationery.

WHERE CAN IT LEAD?

Passing the first year of the course will allow you to move on to a Public Services Level 3 Extended Diploma, or another Level 3 course within the College. It can also lead to a range of Public Service careers including law enforcement, the military, fire service, outdoor education sector and health care. This qualification may also allow students to progress to higher education at university.

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 must be paid at enrolment. 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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