



Entry to the Uniformed Services (University Route)

This course is designed for 16-18 year olds.

The NCFE Diploma for Entry to the Uniformed Services Level 3 (Degree Route) qualification will allow you to prepare for a career in the uniformed and non-uniformed Public Services. This is great for individuals who are looking to go to university or keeping their options open for university in the future.

Over the course of two years, you will be studying 18 units which will include team building, problem solving, crime scene investigation, security searching procedures and influence into the UK Government.

The course will provide you with the knowledge to understand what is required for a future employment in the Public Sector. This is specialised for individuals who are not interested in Front Line Uniformed Policing and would like to work more within the detective, cooperate or a forensic and academic route within the Emergency Services or Government Sector.

The course will support you to be one step closer on going into university or if you decide to apply for a job within the Armed Forces, Emergency Services, UK Border Force, Prison Services Government Sector or Criminology and Law.

Waltham Forest College is putting sustainability at the heart of everything that we do, and in this course, you will learn more about the environment and how various areas of public services from government down are looking to reduce their carbon footprint and work towards a more sustainable future. You will take part in various projects around sustainability and discuss the best use of resources and environmentally friendly strategies and practices.

The course is scheduled over 3-4 days per week and will be a mixture of theory and practical lessons.

The College has strong links with the Metropolitan Police, London Fire Brigade, the Military and other Public Sector organisations.

- [Sector Overview](#)

Public Services in the UK provide a range of opportunities for the 5.77 million already working in the sector. The industry is made from local and national government, Health and Social Care, Education, Business Administration including Law enforcement and intelligence. It is a growing sector with increased budgets from central government for recruitment into the Uniformed Protected Services.

- [Entry Requirements](#)

The entry requirements for this course are:

- 5 GCSEs at Grades 4-9 including maths and English
- Assessment and interview

If required, you will study GCSE or Functional Skills English and/or maths alongside your course so you can progress onto the next level.

- [What will I study?](#)

This course consists of the following modules:

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- Prepare for a career in a chosen Uniformed Service
- Develop aspects of physical fitness for Entry to the Uniformed Services
- Develop leadership skills
- Equality, diversity and inclusion
- Values and standards
- Mental and physical wellbeing
- Carry out map reading and navigation across open country
- Telecommunications in the Uniformed Services
- Understand conflict management and personal protection
- The influence of UK Government, international organisations and media on the Uniformed Services
- Collaboration between Uniformed Services
- Emergency planning and response in the Uniformed Services
- Understand the impact of war and conflict on Uniformed Services
- Crime scene investigation
- ICT in the Uniformed Services
- Volunteering in the Uniformed Services
- Human Resources in the Uniformed Services
- Security procedures in the Uniformed Services

- [How will I be assessed?](#)

You will be assessed via:

- Written tasks
- Practical activity
- Study visits
- Team building activities

All assessments will offer you an opportunity to pass at one of the following three standards: Pass, Merit and Distinction.

- [Enrichment](#)

Alongside your course, you will be taking part in drill parades, attending outdoor expeditions such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award, taking part in water sports, physical cardio endurance activities, camping and community charity events.

These enrichments are aligned and tailored around your course and development. They are the key to building soft skills in the role of employment.

Our Student Common Room is also a great place to unwind and relax during your breaks. It features pool tables, table tennis, a gaming corner and lots of comfy sofas so you can refresh before your next lesson.

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Themed events are held in the Common Room so you can get the best experience of being a Waltham Forest College student.

- [Work Experience](#)

You must complete 36-hours of work placement with an external employer linked to the industry of study, which is an essential part of the programme. The connections we have for work experience are Ride Along schemes with the Metropolitan Police, one week residential to the Armed Forces base, YMCA charity, British Heart Foundation and Feel Good Centre and Gym.

- [Progression opportunities](#)

The completion of this course on year one will allow you to progress onto:

- Public Services Extended Diploma Level 3

The completion of the second year will lead you onto:

- Higher Education
- Employment

- [Alumni](#)

95% of learners who study Level 3 Certificate for Entry to the Uniformed Services have achieved at the College with 55% progressing onto Entry to the Uniformed Services NCFE Diploma Level 3 internally with the remaining 40% finding employment or progressing their studies internally in other departments.

Learner 1, CC - Studied Public Services BTEC Level 3 two-year programme, progressed internally to Captain of the Public Services, he applied for the Metropolitan Police Degree apprenticeship and is currently serving as a police officer starting salary at £33,500.

Learner 2, GG - Studied Public Services BTEC Level 3 two-year programme, left with D*D*D*. She is currently studying Law at University.

Learner 3, YA - Studied Public Services BTEC Level 3 two-year programme, secured a place at the UK Border Force Apprenticeship.

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