

Public Services

Public Services: Entry to the Uniformed Services Level 3 Full-time

In Brief

Start Date / Duration

This course starts in September and will take two years to complete.

Entry Requirements

- Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including GCSE English together with a good school report. Alternatively, you will have successfully completed Level 2 Diploma for Introduction to the Emergency and Protective Public Services **plus** GCSE English at grade 4.
- You will be required to complete a favourable interview.
- A good general level of fitness is desirable.
- A good standard of general health is necessary. Most chronic conditions (e.g. asthma, epilepsy) would prevent an individual from successfully applying for many of the Public Services. For detailed guidance, please see the recruiting office in your chosen area.

You will achieve

- NCFE Level 3 Diploma for Entry to Uniformed Services.

Course Overview

The aim of our course is to give a realistic insight into the personal and professional skills needed to be an effective member of today's Public Services. Students will also learn about the values and

attitudes needed for working in this challenging, but unique sector.

Course Content

The programme consists of a combination of lectures, practical activities, oral presentations, tutorials, individual research and group work. Speakers from other relevant organisations will also visit classes. As part of the course you will be expected to undertake a range of outdoor activities, including visits to various public services, e.g. Army, RAF, Magistrates Court. You will also take part in expeditions which may involve overnight stays.

In addition to general class work, you will be expected to use a range of textbooks for research purposes, as well as the IT facilities in the Learning Resource Centre. You will also be encouraged to take part in the college sports teams and recreational sporting activities within the structured college programme.

Course themes:

- Preparation for a career in the uniformed services
- Crime scene investigation
- Developing leadership skills

How will I be assessed?

Assessment will occur continually throughout the programme. You will have unit assignments to complete and will be assessed on your group and individual work. You will also have time-constrained assignments, as well as oral presentations.

What Equipment Will I Need?

All Sport and Public Services students will be expected to wear a Barnsley Sports Academy (BSA) hooded top* and polo shirt*, along with dark tracksuit bottoms and sports trainers. During practical sessions your kit will consist of a Barnsley Sports Academy t-shirt*, dark shorts and sports trainers. Non-regulation clothing/footwear is not permitted. Students will also require ring-binders, writing materials, paper/stationery and core textbooks.

Public Services students will also require outdoor activity clothing, such as walking boots and waterproof clothing.

Barnsley Sports Academy clothing marked with an asterisk(*) can be purchased from the Sports Centre Reception.

Where will I study?

Honeywell Sports Campus
Honeywell Lane

Barnsley
S75 1BP

What can I do next?

On completion of this programme you can apply for a career in any of the public services. This may include; the Police Service, Ambulance Service, Fire and Rescue Service, Army, RAF, Royal Navy, Customs and Excise or Prison Service. Alternatively you may be able to progress onto a Level 4 Higher Education course at Barnsley College Higher Education, or other university.

How much does the course cost?

16 – 18 year olds

Full-time Barnsley College students aged 16-18 years old do not have to pay tuition fees.

19+ Students

Aged 19 or over and thinking about further education? You may be eligible for free or reduced course fees . Please refer to our page ['paying for your course.'](#)

Financial support

You may be eligible for assistance with expenses such as travel, books, equipment and childcare. For further information please contact the Student Services Team on +44 (0)1226 216 267.

Extra information

Advanced Learner Loans

This course may be eligible for an Advanced Learner Loan. Contact our friendly Information Team on +44 (0)1226 216 123 or email info@barnsley.ac.uk [mailto:info@barnsley.ac.uk] . about eligibility and how to apply. You can also visit the Advanced Learner Loan [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/courses/paying-for-your-course/advanced-learner-loans/>] page.

Contact the Information Unit

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Want to join Barnsley Sports Academy and the Sports Village?

Barnsley College has a range of sports opportunities for all students to take part in, gain professional training and compete nationally and internationally. We also have a state-of-the-art

fitness village, Honeywell Sports Village [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/shops-services/honeywell-sports-village/>] where students can make use of our fitness suite, spinning studio and classes for competitive rates. You don't have to be studying sport to get involved in the Sports Academy [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/our-departments/sport/sports-academy/>] .

Additional Learning Support

Our Additional Learning Support team can provide you with the support you need. Please contact them on +44 (0)1226 216 769.

Disclaimer

Please note we reserve the right to change details without notice. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

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Call us on **01226 216 123**