

# PUBLIC SERVICES

Level 1 BTEC Diploma Public Services with Sport  
Level 2 BTEC Extended Certificate Public Services  
Level 3 BTEC National Extended Diploma Public Services



## COURSE FEATURES

- Outdoor expedition as part of Duke of Edinburgh Award, which Levels 2 and 3 students may take as part of their course.
- Professional team of tutors with a range of experience.
- Strong partnerships with the public services.
- Programme of problem solving and physical fitness activities.
- Extensive guest speaker programme.
- Use of state-of-the-art fitness equipment to develop the physical attributes required for a Public Services career.

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PASS RATE

If you are looking for a challenging career with lots of responsibility and high rewards then a public services course could be for you. You will gain the skills, knowledge and confidence for a career in the Police, Fire Service, Royal Navy, Armed Forces or Customs and Excise.

You will experience life in the public services through a range of relevant activities, trips, visits and guest speakers. You will work with lots of professionals from the services, who help you build the skills to work in this diverse industry.

## CAREER PROSPECTS

The starting salary for police constables is £21,402, rising to £41,130 at the top of the scale - achievable after about seven years.

The starting salary for a trainee firefighter is £24,191. When fully trained, this rises to £32,244. Higher rates apply for overtime.

Royal Naval Officers may earn £31,000 a year.

Other careers include:

- Armed Forces
- HM Revenue and Customs Officer
- Local Government Official
- Police Dog Handler
- Prison Officer
- Rescue Services
- Security Services.

## WHAT WILL I STUDY?

### LEVEL 1

**The programme includes:** health and fitness for the public services; dealing with incidents; map reading and navigation; assisting the public; teamwork and communication.

### LEVEL 2

**Units include:** role and work of the public services; skills for working in the public services; crime and its effects; employability skills; fitness and outdoor activities. You will take part in a range of work related activities. You may choose to complete the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.

### LEVEL 3

**The course includes:** citizenship and diversity; behaviour and discipline in the uniform protective services; physical preparation; teamwork leadership and communication; custodial care; managing security and the law. You will also take part in a range of voluntary and work related activities to enhance employability skills. You may also choose to complete the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award.

## COURSE LENGTH

**Level 1 and 2** courses are full-time for one academic year and the **Level 3** course is full-time for two academic years.

## HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

You will be assessed through a mix of practical and written assignments, observations, written tests and formal external examinations.

There are no exams at **Level 1**.

## WHAT CAN I PROGRESS TO?

You may progress from **Level 1** through to **Level 3**.

On successful completion at **Level 3**, you may progress to university. Higher education courses include the HND Public Services at the University Centre Wigan & Leigh College as well as a wide range of degrees at other providers including: Criminology, Police Science and Public Services Management.

If you have any queries please contact our Admissions Team: **01942 761 111** or email: **applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk**

