

## Sixth Form Subject Information

# Public Services



<b>Qualification</b>	BTEC Level 3 Certificate – one year course
<b>Exam Board</b>	Pearson BTEC
<b>Course Leader</b>	Ms J Hankins
<b>Course summary</b>	Working in the Public Services can provide a truly satisfying career, especially if you enjoy working with people in a varied, exciting working environment. Our Public Service courses will suit you if you are highly motivated and are looking to combine classroom-based study with practical elements. This course enables you to develop your confidence and interpersonal skills; there is a strong emphasis on developing personal discipline through individual and team activities. During the course you may take part in visits to a variety of Public Service organisations and listen to talks from guest speakers in the industry. The course offers an insight into careers in the Police, Fire and Ambulance Services, Army, Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Royal Air Force, Prison Service, Security Organisations, HM Customs, the National Health Service, teaching and Social Work to name but a few.
<b>What will students learn?</b>	<b>Certificate</b>  <b>Mandatory Units</b> Unit 1 - Government, Policies and the Public Services Unit 2 – Leadership and Teamwork in the Public Services  One further unit : Unit 17 – Police Powers in the Public Services
<b>How will students be assessed?</b>	The year is course work based with no exams. Assignments will be marked internally. A selection of work will be sent to external verifiers before grades are finalised. Students will have the opportunity to achieve either a Pass, Merit or Distinction.
<b>Differentiation</b>	We will use a variety of methods to assess you, different formats can be used to suit you as the individual, along with giving you opportunities to extend your research. Assignment briefs clearly show how you can achieve your target grade and the language used is appropriate for your level of learning.
<b>Resources</b>	The main resource will be detailed handouts along with your own research. The course will be enhanced by outside speakers and various visits and trips. Visits to central government offices such as the Houses of Parliament and the Supreme Court will take place during the year. Students will also meet their local MP and will have the opportunity to take part in numerous National competitions in debating and public speaking.