

### Study Programme Overview

If you see yourself studying to become a Forensic Scientist, Criminal Psychologist or Senior Crime Scene Investigator, read on...

This programme is intended for post-16 learners, who aim to progress to higher education to study Forensic Science, Criminology or Psychology, then progress to employment in these fields.

Forensic science is made up of various specialisms and you will study a multitude of these. In addition to your main programme, you will also engage in activities to develop your English, Maths and employability skills.

The qualification is equivalent to three A Levels studied over two years.

### What You'll Learn

You will learn to understand the workings of the criminal mind; how crime scenes are investigated and the procedures followed; and how to collect and analyse crime scene evidence.

Topics include environmental forensics; forensic fire investigation; applications of criminology; applications of criminal and forensic psychology; forensic genetics; and practical scientific procedures and techniques. There is a strong emphasis on practical laboratory work to support the learning.

### Elements of Study

Your programme consists of the following elements:

- Study of your chosen vocational subject (50% of your programme)
- English and maths (continued until the achievement of GCSE grade 4 (C) or equivalent)
- Employability skills (e.g. punctuality, attendance, communication and team work)
- Work experience (giving you a taste of working life)
- Tutorial & personal development (e.g. healthy living, volunteering and citizenship skills)
- Fitness testing
- Fitness, health and lifestyle development

### Entry Requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs, graded 9-4/A\*-C, including English, Maths and Science OR a Merit/Distinction in a relevant Level 2 Qualification. You will also sit an interview.

### How will I be Assessed?

- External exams
- Practical tasks by employers
- Written assignment/coursework
- Examinations in some science units

### Supporting Your Learning and Wellbeing

We want you to enjoy every minute of College, both in the classroom and out of it, so we have a range of dedicated support and wellbeing services. These include FREE travel; FREE breakfast; dedicated Learning Development Mentors; impartial advice and guidance; dedicated one-to-one support for learners with additional needs; and support with the cost of College, plus much more.

### Future Opportunities

This qualification is primarily designed to support your progression to employment after further study at university. However, you could also progress directly to employment - the transferable knowledge and skills gained will give you an advantage when applying for a range of industry training programmes and/or Higher Apprenticeships in areas such as Laboratory Technician or Forensic Technician.

University qualifications include Forensic Science, Forensic Investigations, Psychology, Criminology, Forensic Biology, Forensic Computing and Security, Forensic Archaeology and Anthropology, Analytical Sciences, Policing and Criminal Justice, Police Studies with Criminal Investigation, Policing, Law and Investigation, and Biochemistry.



## Enrichment

There may be relevant educational trips and visits that you will be expected to participate in during this course. The fees are payable at enrolment in September. The College Bursary Fund may be able to assist in certain cases.

## Pre-Professionals Programme

As part of our Pre-Professionals Programme, you'll have your own personal Learning Development Mentor and Careers Coach. They'll help you to manage your studies, oversee your progress and aid in your personal development. You'll also benefit from quality work experience and industry placements, ensuring that you're ready for the world of work. You could also benefit from getting involved in volunteering opportunities, both locally and abroad, and youth social action projects, perfect for enhancing your CV.

## How to Apply?

Submit an application online by visiting [www.bit.ly/forensics-level-3](http://www.bit.ly/forensics-level-3)



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