

PUBLIC SERVICES

at BCoT

Public Services students visit RAF Odiham

A trip to a major local employer offered students the chance to see how they can reach great heights in a number of different careers.

Learners from the BCoT Public Services courses were given the opportunity to visit RAF Odiham, where they were shown how the Royal Air Force station has developed since it first opened in 1925.

The students were able to find out more about different sections within the RAF, including the fire department, police and air traffic control, as well as going inside a Chinook helicopter. The visitors were also able to ask questions about future careers within the RAF as well as discovering the history of the service and how it has developed over the years.

“It’s great to have opportunities like this in order for students to investigate possible future careers. Many of the learners didn’t realise the amount of different jobs that were available in the air force and some students now want to pursue a career in the RAF.”

Gareth Yeomans, Co-ordinating Lecturer



Public Services interviews

Students at BCoT had the opportunity to test their interview skills when they took part in mock interviews with a range of personnel from the public services.

Over 48 first year students took part in the exercise, arranged by Gareth Yeomans, co-ordinating lecturer in Public Services at BCoT. Students selected which public service they wanted to be interviewed by and were then given a twenty minute slot.

A range of services were involved in the day, including the British Army, Police Community Support Officers, Hampshire Constabulary and Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service

“These were mock interviews conducted by recruits and personnel from the different public services in order to give the students valuable interview experience and also cover elements of criteria for the course.

The students performed well and it was clear they had prepared for the interviews. They were given valuable feedback on areas they could improve upon for future interviews.

The day was only successful due to the professionalism of the personnel from the public services and my thanks goes to them for attending.”



Students face an Army challenge

Students were put through their paces in the first week at college when they took part in an Army assault course challenge aimed at testing their team work, fitness and agility skills.

A total of 65 learners from both Level 3 extended Diploma and Level 2 Diploma in Public Services took part in a wide range of activities run by the Army Recruitment Unit. The aim of the day was to give learners an insight into the work of the British Army and discover the huge range of career paths available to them.

“This was a great opportunity for students to get to know one another away from the college campus and mix with the other groups starting Public Services courses this term.

The exercises highlighted the importance of teamwork and the impact this can have on the success of a task.”

Gareth Yeomans, Co-ordinating Lecturer



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Students visit the Ardeche region of France

A group of 26 National Diploma learners visited the Ardeche region of France and spent the first two days negotiating the descent of the Ardeche River.



Working in pairs in open boats, the students navigated the river by canoe through both flat and white water stretches, past some of the most spectacular countryside that France has to offer, with cliffs riddled with caves towering above the beautiful clear and warm water.

The overnight stay of the descent was spent camping on the banks of the river under the stars in the heart of the gorge.

Other activities during the week included bush craft, a river trek, climbing, caving, raft building, team challenges and an excursion to the Mediterranean.

“The programme of activities was set up in order to cover the practical aspects of the course. It is vital that students are given the opportunity to put what they have learned in the classroom into practice in the great outdoors.

All the learners enjoyed themselves and it’s great to see how they adapt and develop skills in real-life situations.”

Gareth Yeomans, Co-ordinating Lecturer

BCoT links with Basingstoke Police

PC Ian Wonnacott and PCSO Stephanie Bradley are regular visitors to BCoT to hold Question and Answer sessions with the students on what the police service is like and some of the experiences that they have had. Trips have been organised in the past to the training college in Netley

Public Services, Police, Ambulance, Army BTEC Level 2 Diploma – 1 Year

Course Code: JF40

This course provides you with a foundation of the necessary skills and knowledge needed for a possible career in the uniformed services. You will study a range of units including; public service skills, physical fitness, the work of a variety of uniformed services and practice physical and mental entry tests. You will have the opportunity to visit; RAF Odiham, Hampshire Police, Basingstoke Fire Station, Royal Navy Visibility team, Royal Marines, a New Forest Expedition, Activities Centres and go on an outdoor activity residential.

Entry Requirements

4 GCSEs at grade D or above, including English. If you don't have the grades for this course consider our Sport & Active Leisure course which leads onto this programme.

Method of assessment

Continuous assessment through a variety of written and practical assignments. You will also have the chance to undertake some work experience.

Progression

Further study (a BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Public Services or Sport) or employment.

Public Services BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma – 2 Years

Course Code: JF35

This course has been specifically designed to enhance employment in the public services, or provide a base for a range of subjects in higher education. You will study a wide range of units including; law and the legal system, fitness testing and training, citizenship and diversity, human behaviour, major incidents and leadership and teamwork. You will have the opportunity to visit; RAF Odiham, Hampshire Police, Basingstoke Fire Station, Royal Navy Visibility team, Royal Marines, a New Forest Expedition, Activities Centres and go on an outdoor activity residential.

Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs grade A-C (to include English and preferably Maths and Science) or a BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Public Services (Merit).

Method of assessment

Continuous assessment through a variety of written and practical assignments. Assignments and projects are exciting and practical - you will also have the chance to undertake work experience.

Progression

Higher Education (a degree or HND); employment in the armed forces, emergency services, security services and public sector organisations.

Sport and Active Leisure Level 1 Diploma – 1 Year

Course Code: JF30

New course in 2011 - data not yet available.

This is a one year course designed to give you a recognised qualification in the field of sport and leisure. You will gain the knowledge, skills and understanding required to progress to a Level 2 qualification. During the year you will explore a variety of units including; organising events, physical activities for children, investigating rights and responsibilities, planning your own fitness programme and risks and hazards in sport and active leisure. You will have the opportunity to go on trips to support your learning.

Entry Requirements

Minimum of 4 GCSE grades E (including English and Preferably Maths) and a good school reference or successful interview.

Method of assessment

The course is continuously assessed by both practical and written assignments. You will also have the chance to gain practical experience in our on-site gym.

Progression

This course is a recognised route into a BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Sport or Public Services.

