

FORENSIC SCIENCE NATIONAL FOUNDATION DIPLOMA (YR1) AND EXTENDED DIPLOMA L3 (YR2)

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

The National Extended Diploma is a vocational course equivalent to three A Levels and is ideally suited to students who enjoy Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics and are looking for an alternative to A Levels.

The Forensic Science course gives you a good grounding at advance level in all three sciences through a series of 13 units over two years.

Four units are externally assessed, whilst the other nine units are assessed through coursework assignments. The units vary in content from pure science topics such as 'Human body systems' to more practical units such as 'Laboratory techniques and their application'. There is also the opportunity to do some specialist forensic units such as 'Forensic evidence collection'.

You will participate in a number of field trips and benefit from the insights and experience provided by a range of guest speakers. You will also have the opportunity to apply for work experience in a science industry of your choice, with possible placements in a hospital laboratory, science research or analysis, brewing, veterinary science or conservation.

You will develop a wide range of practical and transferrable skills and be assessed continuously through the coursework element.

WHAT NEXT?

This course is an accepted qualification for entry into university, particularly for science related degrees such as criminology, dietetics, forensic science, forensic psychology and biology-related subjects.

Alternatively, students may consider direct entry into employment or further training.

ASSESSMENT

Exams (42%) Coursework (58%)

DURATION

2 years

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Standard entry requirements, plus GCSE 4 in two Science subjects or Merit in BTEC Science

EXAM BOARD

Edexcel

COSTS

Approximately £25 for textbooks, plus optional field trips