

# Forensic Science - Level 3 Extended Diploma

Forensic science is essentially the application of scientific principles for the resolution of legal disputes or as legal evidence to prove/disprove a crime.

The aim is to provide impartial information which can be used to establish whether a crime has been committed and to evaluate physical evidence of a crime. This course provides a broad overview of the principles and techniques of forensic science, how evidence is analysed and interpreted, and how it is presented in court processes by following UK legislation.

Extended Diplomas have two one-year programmes. You need to finish the first year before moving on to the second.

## WHAT WILL I STUDY?

This course consists of two separate qualifications. In your first year of study, you will work towards the Level 3 90-Credit Diploma.

Following successful completion of this qualification, you will be able to progress to the Extended Diploma.

Our Extended Diplomas offer equivalent UCAS points to studying 3 A Levels.

Topics covered can include:

- Principles of Science
- Forensic Evidence Collection and Analysis
- Forensic Fire Investigation
- PhysiologyGenetics
- Forensic Archeology
- Criminal Investigation
- Procedures and Practices
- Criminology
- Criminal Psychology

## WHAT WILL I NEED?

Start Date: 2 September 2024

**Duration: 2 Years** 

Attendance: Full Time Location: Angel (K Block)



### You will need:

• Four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language, Maths and Science (Combined Science, or two individual Sciences) or an equivalent Level 2 qualification at Merit or above

All applicants must have an interview and assessment to confirm that the course is suitable for them.

## **HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?**

Assessment is continuous throughout the year through completing written assignments and projects as well as performing practical work that is assessed internally within the college.

There will also be some written examinations, assessed externally via Pearson, the BTEC awarding body.

# WHAT WILL IT COST?

## SCHOOL LEAVERS

If you will be aged 16, 17 or 18 on 31st August prior to the start date of your course and you have the legal right to remain in the UK for the duration of your programme then your study with us will be free. Please see <a href="here">here</a> for the documents you will need to show us.

Some courses will have other associated costs, such as for specialist materials and trips. Many of our students are eligible for financial support, see here for details.

### WHAT CAN I DO AFTER?

This course will help you to move on to higher-level courses, such as a Bachelor of Science, or to pursue employment in the science industry.

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