

Forensic Science

Qualification	BTEC National Foundation Diploma in Forensic Science
Entry requirements	Level 6 or above in Science, English and Mathematics
Course description	<p>The Forensic Science Foundation Diploma course is designed to offer learners the chance to achieve success through a more vocational route. It is worth 1.5 A-levels and is recognised by Universities. Students will sit exams covering two of the six units: Unit 1 covers key areas of AS Biology, Chemistry and Physics and is examined externally, while Unit 3 covers practical work in a similar manner to GCSE coursework. Internally-assessed units include: Unit 2 which covers a broad range of practical skills; Unit 4 is a core Forensics unit investigating a broad range of skills; Unit 8 is a human physiology unit; and Unit 9 is an environmental forensics unit.</p> <p>A Pass grade (P) is equivalent to an E at A level and carries the same UCAS value. Tiered Higher grades are available at Merit (M) or Distinction (D) and these are weighted at C and A grade at A level, respectively.</p> <p>If all assignments are graded as Distinction, a Distinction* grade is awarded, which is equivalent to an A* at A-level.</p> <p>The final awarded grade will be based upon the sum of the points you have acquired from all four units over the two years. Units 1, 2 and 4 will be taken in Year 12, with Unit 3, 8 and 9 in Year 13.</p>
Assessment	Assessment is by two external exams which will include a mixture of short answer, long answer and a choice of two essay questions (two units) and four internally assessed and externally moderated units.
Progression	Forensic Science is an area of applied science which has direct application in a broad variety of careers. Previous students have progressed directly into careers in the Police or social services; taken university courses in the social sciences, such as Criminology; or have continued with Forensics at university.
Related Courses	This course can be taken alongside many subjects including Economics, Business, Travel & Tourism, English, Geography and the Sciences.