



# THE SCIENCES

## Forensics & Criminal Investigation BTEC Diploma Level 3



THE BEST YOUNG SCIENTISTS!

### Study Programme Overview

If you are interested in how science can help solve crimes then this may be the course for you. Forensic science is made up of various specialisms and you will get to study units that allow you to experience a multitude of these.

This programme is intended for post-16 learners who aim to progress to higher education to study forensic science, criminology or psychology and ultimately on to employment.

Engaging with employers is also an integral part of this programme – we'll seek to ensure that you have opportunities to gain real-world experience of your chosen sector.

### What You'll Learn

Topics on your Study Programme will include:

- Environmental forensics
- Forensic fire investigation
- Applications of criminology
- Applications of criminal and forensic psychology
- Forensic genetics
- Practical scientific procedures and techniques
- Practical laboratory work

You will also complete a 30 hour work placement.

### Elements of study

Your programme consists of the following elements:

- Study of your chosen vocational subject - 50% of your programme
- Employability skills, such as punctuality, attendance, communication and team work
- Work experience or an Industry Placement, giving you a taste of working life
- Tutorial and personal development, such as healthy living, volunteering and citizenship skills

### Entry Requirements

5 GCSE's grades 9-4, including English, Maths and Science or a relevant Level 2 qualification.

### How will I be Assessed?

You will be assessed through practical tasks, coursework, assignments and exams.

### Pre-Professionals Programme

Working with your Learning Development Mentor (LDM), Tutors and Careers Coaches, you'll gain an insight and understanding of your sector, helping you to make important decisions about your future, whether that's university or employment.

Thanks to our partnership with the University of Bolton, you'll also benefit from everything the University has to offer, with a range of opportunities to build additional skills and experiences, giving you everything you need to become a **FUTURE SCIENTIST**, in whichever field you choose!

Exposure to employers is also an integral part of this programme – we'll seek to ensure that you have opportunities to gain real-world experience of your sector, giving you the qualifications and experience to progress!

### Supporting Your Learning and Wellbeing

We have a range of dedicated support and wellbeing services including **FREE** travel; **FREE** breakfast; dedicated Learning Development Mentors (LDMs); 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

After you have completed the programme, you could progress on to a Higher Education course at College or university, or explore the possibility of doing a Higher Apprenticeship (Level 4). Check out opportunities at the University of Bolton by visiting [www.bolton.ac.uk](http://www.bolton.ac.uk)

Following further study you could work as a:

- Police Officer, earning up to £41,000 per year
- Forensic Scientist, earning up to £45,000 per year
- Psychologist, earning up to £87,000 per year

## Enrichment

Sitting a job interview, writing a personal statement, applying for university - taking part in our enrichment programme will give you a CV to wow in all of these situations! You'll benefit from:

- Inspiring trips and experiences
- Meetings with industry experts
- Visits to leading companies in your sector.

As well as giving you essential professional and technical skills, you'll demonstrate that you're a successful and well-rounded person, helping you to make a lasting impression.

We want you to have fun, so we also have plenty of leisure and sporting activities for you to enjoy, improving your health and wellbeing.

## Why Choose Us?

We're an elite College, and part of the University of Bolton Group, offering you a gateway to all of Greater Manchester's vast range of fantastic opportunities for specialist careers, university degree courses and higher Apprenticeships.

We'll reward your achievements with trips to The Anderton Outdoor Activity Centre and the opportunity to apply for the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Our £75 million campus offers a refurbished fitness suite and sports hall; Apple Mac suites; libraries, a theatre and dance studios; hair and beauty salon; and a restaurant, café and canteen.

You'll also enjoy a wide range of events, including showcases, enterprise activities and cultural celebrations.

## Open Events

Open Events are the best way to discover what life as a Bolton College student is like, giving you an insight into College life.

Open Events at our Deane Road Campus are as follows:

- **Thursday 20th October 2022, 5pm-8pm**
- **Tuesday 15th November 2022, 5pm-8pm**
- **Wednesday 7th December 2022, 5pm-8pm**
- **Wednesday 8th February 2023, 5pm-8pm**

If you'd like to attend one of these events, register by visiting [www.boltoncollege.ac.uk/register-open-events](http://www.boltoncollege.ac.uk/register-open-events)

## How to Apply?

Find this course on our website

[www.boltoncollege.ac.uk](http://www.boltoncollege.ac.uk) then click the 'Apply' button.

You'll be asked to set up a Learner Hub account so that you can track your application and enrol online. You'll also be asked to book your interview for your course at the same time.

If you have any difficulties setting up your Learner Hub account, please email [learner.hub@boltoncc.ac.uk](mailto:learner.hub@boltoncc.ac.uk)

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