

BTEC National Certificate/Award in Forensic Science

What does the course involve?

The course builds upon the skills you have developed in your Science GCSEs or BTEC level 2 courses. You will study the fundamentals of Science, developing grounding in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. We then train you in vocational applications of science and look at roles within the science industry.

Visits, work placements and training bring the real world in alongside college work. You will develop high level skills in practical laboratory work, independent research, problem solving and communication.

What course units will I take?

You will take six units over two years designed to develop you as a scientist and also play to your strengths. They include: Fundamentals of Science, Forensic Evidence Collection and Analysis, Science in the Workplace, Criminal Psychology, Scientific Practical Techniques and Application of Number for Science.

What qualifications do I need?

To study BTEC National Certificate in Forensic Science it is important to have achieved good GCSE grades or a BTEC level two certificate in applied science. You will need to have good communication and comprehension skills, but most of all you must be keen to learn new things.

Will I take part in any study visits/field work?

This vocational course makes regular use of visits to and from the science industry. We will also offer you a work placement later in the course.

What can I do after the course?

With a BTEC National Certificate you can go on to Higher Education to study a wide range of Science degrees. The Certificate has the same UCAS points attached as two equivalent A levels ie. A Distinction grade is awarded 240 points the same as two A grade A levels. Science departments and industry value the hands on training that BTEC represents.

With or without a degree, you can use a BTEC National Certificate as the starting point for a career in anything from the science industry, NHS, manufacturing, the forces to public service.

