



## Wath Sixth Form Subject Preparation Pack

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# PUBLIC SERVICES

### World-class learning

World-class learning every lesson, every day

### The highest expectations

Everyone can be successful; always set and expects the highest standards

### No excuses

Create solutions not excuses; make positive thinking a habit

### Growth mindset

Believe you can improve; work hard and value feedback

### Never give up

Resilience is essential; be relentless in the pursuit of excellence

### Everyone is valued

Diversity is celebrated; see the best in everyone

# **Public Services Transition Pack**

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### **Why should I study Public Services?**

This course will help you to develop your knowledge and understanding of the jobs available in the Public Service sector.

If a career working for the Police, Fire, Ambulance, Prison Service, the RAF, British Army or Navy interests you; this course is ideal. It aims to develop the essential employability skills and personal qualities needed for a successful entry to Public Services through a wide range of theoretical, fitness based and practical activities. By the end of the course you will be better prepared for a successful entry to your chosen uniformed public service.

### **What careers could Public Services lead to?**

As this is a vocational course, it is directly linked to entry into the Police, Fire, Ambulance, Prison Service, the RAF, British Army and Navy. However, each of these individual services have a range of roles available within them.

Please visit the following websites to find out more:

Police – <https://recruit.college.police.uk/Pages/home.aspx>

Fire – <http://www.syfire.gov.uk/find-a-job/firefighter-recruitment/>

Ambulance – <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/ambulance-service-team/roles-ambulance-service>

Prison Service – <https://prisonandprobationjobs.gov.uk/>

RAF – <https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/roles-in-the-raf>

British Army – <https://apply.army.mod.uk/roles>

Navy - <https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/careers>

### **What will I study?**

At Wath Academy we cover both the National Diploma (2 A levels) and the Subsidiary Diploma (1 A level). The following units are studied throughout Y12 and Y13:

#### **Subsidiary Diploma**

- Government, Policies and the Public Services
- Leadership and Teamwork in the Public Services
- Citizenship, Diversity and the Public Services
- Physical Preparation, Health and Lifestyle for the Public Services
- Crime and its Effects on Society

## National Diploma

For the National Diploma you will study the above units, plus the following additional units:

- Understanding Discipline in the Uniformed Public Services
- Understand the Impact of War, Conflict and Terrorism on Public Services
- Command and Control in the Uniformed Public Services
- Police Powers in the Public Services
- Responding to Emergency Service Incidents
- Aspects of the Legal System and Law-making Process
- Personnel and Human Resources

### How will I be assessed?

For the QCF Public Services (2010) qualification, there is no exam. However, the course is continually assessed via submission of coursework for each unit throughout the two years of study. Assessment may come in the format of a written essay, a presentation or practical performance.

### Recommended resources



This is the textbook predominantly used by school. You may wish to purchase this to help with tasks and learning over the next two years. However, this is not essential, copies are available for use in school.

There are also a number of resources below to support you to prepare you for the course and throughout your studies

Websites:

[www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk) - This website has a wealth of information about ALL Public Services in the UK

[www.parliament.uk](http://www.parliament.uk) – Information on the make-up, roles and responsibilities of the government and MPs

[www.dh.gov.uk](http://www.dh.gov.uk) – Advice on how to keep healthy and active in preparatory for, and throughout service

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-defence> - All you need to know about the Armed Forces, including links to specific services

There are other websites for specific content, which will be shared when studying the relevant topic area.

## Preparatory Tasks

**Aim:** The aim of these tasks is to develop your understanding of key terms to ease the transition into the study of a new subject at level 3 standard. As a new subject/course you will be exposed to a lot of key terms – some of which can be quite daunting especially when you have not studied the content previously. By completing the tasks below, you will come to understand key terms which will raise confidence when study begins in September. They are all related to the first two units studied; Government & Policies and Physical Preparation.

### Key terms

Define each of the key terms below (in relation to the Public Services)

Key term	Definition
Policy	
Legislation	
Devolved parliament	
Local authority	
Democratic	
Parliament	
Government	
Election	
Candidate	
First past the post	
Single transferable vote	
Proportional representation	
Health	
Fitness	
Physical activity	
Normative data	
Validity	
Reliability	

## Task two

It is important that you understand different people who operate within the UK Government and what they are responsible for. These people in their roles will have a direct influence how our Public Services operate. For each of the people below, find out what their job title is and what they do.

	Name:	Boris Johnson
	Job Title:	
	Roles & Responsibilities	
	Name:	Dominic Raab
	Job Title:	
	Roles & Responsibilities	
	Name:	Rishi Sunak
	Job Title:	
	Roles & Responsibilities	

	Name:	Lucy Frazer QC MP
	Job Title:	
	Roles & Responsibilities	
	Name:	Matthew Hancock
	Job Title:	
	Roles & Responsibilities	

### Task 3

For all uniformed public services, there is a requirement for all serving staff to be at a particular level of fitness. There are a number of fitness tests that must take place before you can join as a serving member.

Research the fitness tests needed for each service by searching, for example "UK police fitness test" and complete the following table:

	Service	Police
	Test(s)	
	Benchmark(s)	
	Service	Royal Marines
	Test(s)	
	Benchmark(s)	
	Service	Fire Service
	Test(s)	
	Benchmark(s)	