# Brooklands College

# Why Study Public Services

#### 5 Reasons to choose Public Services

- 1. You learn transferable skills that are valued by any employer increasing your employability opportunities in a wide range of industries.
- 2. Students expand their teamwork and leadership qualities.
- 3. A Public Services course will develop your physical and mental strength.
- 4. Workers in the sector are rewarded by making a real difference in their community whilst having varied and challenging work days that are never the same.
- 5. Fantastic opportunities to travel both in the UK and the rest of the world.









### **Industry Insight**

If you are passionate about making a real difference to society at local or national level then a career in Public Services may well be for you.

According to the Office of National Statistics 5.42 million people are employed in the UK's Public Sector accounting for 16.5% of all those in paid work. (June 19) It's a huge employment source.

Broadly speaking the Public Sector is responsible for providing all public services in the UK from the emergency services to education and social care to housing and the environment. Roles often have a high degree of responsibility and there are plenty of opportunities for continuing professional development (CPD).

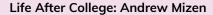
### **Vocational Route Explored**

Studying a vocational course in Public Services offers a fantastic opportunity to progress into the Industry. Vocational courses have been developed in partnership with employers to ensure students are learning the skills they will need in the industry while they are at College.

For this reason they are popular with employers and increase the chances of the students getting a job at the end of their study. They are practical and hands on, a method of learning that is valued by many students. Work experience is also a key requirement on our courses giving the students the ability to apply knowledge learnt to real life situations as well as developing their interpersonal skills which are so vital and again valued by employers.

One of the current Government's main pledges is the recruitment of 20,000 new police officers and opportunities in the sector are there for individuals with resilience and the ability to work collaboratively.





With a lifelong dream of fighting fires and becoming a firefighter, Andrew Mizen set his sights on a career in the emergency and uniformed services. Learning lots of transferable skills such as being highly organised and the importance of self-discipline and teamwork, Andrew critically highlighted how the course "sets you up for a career in any of the emergency and armed forces."

Andrew commented: "I would encourage anyone who is interested in applying to an emergency or armed service to complete the course at Brooklands College as I think it gave me a good start to a life in the uniformed services."



#### Welcome To The Frontline!

Attention! Our students had an exciting visit from a few members of the Welsh Guards, Wales's Senior Infantry Regiment.

Students stood to attention and were given a disciplinary inspection. Chin up, straight lines, no fidgeting, heels touching enough to fit a boot in-between the toes... Our young "troops" performed well and were permitted to take a seat for an indepth presentation on experiences on the frontline, ceremonial duties and extensive knowledge of life in the army.

The students were also given the opportunity to speak with the officers and get their hands on real life weapons & military tools (unloaded and for just a moment!) including guns, special binoculars, blades and they even got to try on the bearskin headpiece.

## Student work experiences/work placements

- The National Crime Agency
- RSPCA Guildford
- Ashford Hospital

- St Peter's Hospital
- The Old Hall Woking
- Stepgates Community School



Take a look at the courses we offer on our website: Brooklands.ac.uk

