

BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Forensic investigation

Awarding body:	Pearson
Qualification:	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Forensic Investigation - Equivalent to 1.5 A-Levels
Method of assessment:	Externally assessed units and internally assessed units This course requires an extensive amount of internally assessed science coursework so to be successful, students will need to be good at meeting deadlines and be able to work independently on coursework-based tasks.
Course entry requirement:	Good Scientific Skills are required and students should have a minimum of 5 x grade 4 GCSE's including 5 in Science
Course description and what it will be like:	The Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Forensic Investigation is intended to be an Applied General qualification for post-16 learners wanting to continue their education through applied learning, and who aim to progress to higher education courses.

Specification and Units of Study

The content of this qualification allows the opportunity to develop the research, communication, presentation, decision-making and critical-thinking skills valued by higher education. It contains all 3 strands of science (biology, chemistry and physics) as well as forensic science

The learning programme covers the following content areas:

Mandatory units

Unit 1: Principles and Applications of Science

Unit 2: Practical Scientific Procedure and Techniques

Unit 3: Science Investigation Skills

Unit 4: Forensic Investigation Procedures in Practice

Optional units

Unit 8: Physiology of Human Body Systems

Unit 9: Environmental Forensics

Units 1,2,3 and 8 include a range of topics covering A level standard biology, physics and chemistry. Unit 8 is a biology topic and Units 4 and 9 focus on forensic science.

Biology, Chemistry, Applied Law, Criminology, Psychology are all strong companion subjects to study alongside this.