

Public Services

The Course

Level 3 Public Services course at NSG is all about developing the skills and understanding you will need to work within the public sector, in services such as the Army, the Police, the Fire Service, Social Services, the care sector or for your local council. The content you will learn will apply to hundreds of jobs and be transferrable to many different careers. In Year 12 you will learn about concepts within topics such as 'Citizenship and Diversity Within the Public Services', 'Government, Policies and the Public Services' and 'Leadership and Teamwork for Public Services'. This course is 100% coursework assessed, and you will be required to write essays, reports and articles as well as to make posters, give individual and group presentations and take part in assessed group discussions. As there is no exam and this course is the equivalent of two A Levels, there will be lots of written work to complete to deadlines, and you will need to ensure that you manage your time effectively.

Tasks

Before you start your Public Services lessons you will need to start building up a bank of examples of how public services operate. We would like you to look at least 5 news articles about public services issues during your summer break before joining the Sixth Form.

The best sources of information will be sources on the following newspapers: The Telegraph, The Times, The Guardian, The Independent. The weekend editions of these papers are particularly rich in examples.

As you choose your articles, you will want to read them and think how the following topics link to each example/issue:

- 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

Useful Websites

www.bbcnews

www.number10.gov.uk

www.health.gov.uk

www.mod.gov.uk

www.homeoffice.gov.uk

www.communities.gov.uk

www.parliament/education.gov.uk