

POST-16 CAREER PROGRESSION MAP – FORENSIC SCIENCE

This progression map details the learning opportunities and possible future employment routes within this sector.

LEVEL 1 and 2
Same level as GCSE

LEVEL 3
Same level as A-Level

LEVEL 4 and 5
Same level as 1st and 2nd years of a degree programme

Progression to degrees
Possible routes

VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

On completion of your qualification, you can progress to a higher level qualification or into employment.



BTEC First
Principles of Applied Science
Typically 1 year

BTEC First
Application of Science
Typically 1 year

BTEC First
Applied Science
Typically 1 or 2 years

BTEC National
Applied Psychology
Typically 1–2 years

BTEC National
Forensic Investigation
Typically 1–2 years

BTEC National
Forensic and Criminal Investigation
Typically 1–2 years

BTEC Higher National
Applied Sciences (Forensic Science)
Typically 1–2 years

BTEC Higher National
Public Services (Crime and Criminal Justice)
Typically 1–2 years

EMPLOYMENT

POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT ROLES:

Forensic Computer Analyst, Forensic Scientist, Forensic Photographer, Toxicologist, Crime Scene Investigator, DNA Analyst, Biomedical Scientist, Police Officer, Forensic Psychologist

Forensic Science Related Degrees

- BSc Archaeological, Anthropological and Forensic Sciences
- BSc Computer and Digital Forensics
- BSc Crime and Investigative Studies
- BSc Crime Scene Science
- BSc Criminology and Forensic Science
- BSc Forensic and Pharmaceutical Science
- BSc Forensic Anthropology
- BSc Forensic Investigation
- BSc Forensic Science
- MSc Forensic Ballistics
- MSc Forensic Radiography