

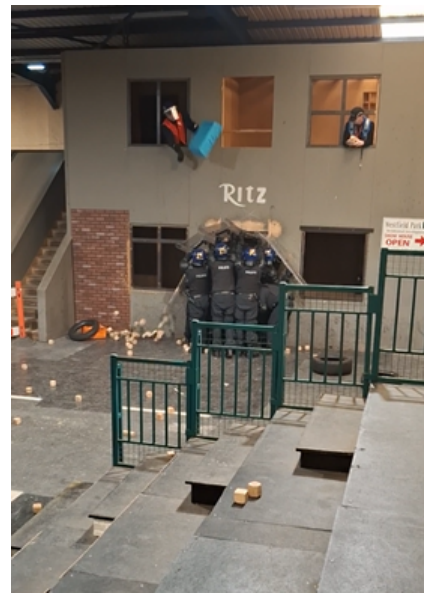
Policing Academy



Public Order Training

The students took part in two days of Public Order Training with the Greater Manchester Police Riot squad. The officers were in training for different situations, and the students acted as members of the public causing damage and disruption to the area.

They got to observe the strategic and tactical nature of how the Riot squad deal with certain situations which included attacks with fire, chemicals, vehicles and rocks/stones, etc.



Major Incidents Day

The students took part in a Major Incidents Training Day at Bolton Wanderers Football Club, lead by two retired Police Officers who now head up the Health & Safety at Bolton Wanderers & Leigh Sports Village, as well as a serving Counter Terrorism Officer, the medical officer for Bolton Wanderers, and two members of the Ambulance Service.

The day involved the students understanding the different chains of command when dealing with an incident, the management of different situations as well as discussing the wide range of Public Services that could be in attendance and who has authority over specific areas of the scene.

After discussions in the morning and the application of knowledge to a wide range of scenarios, the students were tasked with the fictional management of the football crowd for a game between Bolton Wanderers & Charlton Athletic. Three students took up roles as Gold, Silver and Bronze commander, with other students in stewarding roles around the South Stand of the stadium. They had to effectively communicate from the control room to the pitch side commander to deal with crowd disturbance and medical issues.

The day provided our students with a great insight into the management of events and how to effectively lead and communicate with members of their team to deal with challenging situations.



Careers & Pathways

The students explored the different avenues they could pursue to gain entry into the Police and which would suit their journey. As part of this session, a former Sixth Form student discussed her journey into the Police, which started at college when she was enrolled on the Policing Academy. She then provided a very detailed description of her role in the police force, from her first year on the degree apprenticeship, to her current role now in her 3rd year of the programme. This gave the police academy students an insight into what they may be undertaking on one of the career paths highlighted on completion of their college studies.



Interviewing

The students took part in two sessions with Detective Sgts (Retired) Carol Barlow and Julie Connor, who firstly shared their insight into the Police, including their incredible experiences and knowledge, as well as a practical lesson on interviewing techniques in a custody suite.



Stop & Search

The students took part in a Stop & Search session delivered by a serving Greater Manchester Police Officer. The session involved the students understanding the relevant laws put in place to legally stop and search an individual, before practicing how to effectively conduct this. They were provided with a number of scenarios that they needed to consider when stopping and searching members of the public, including the consideration of weapons, needles and contraband.



Police Museum

The students visited the Police Museum, formally a police station in the 19th and 20th century, where they explored the evolution of the Police in Greater Manchester, including the development in technology, laws, uniform, and much more.

Students examined historical equipment like handcuffs, batons, and protective clothing. They also learned and experienced about prison conditions in 19th century Great Britain and the environments inmates would have experienced, and prisoners being taken to the magistrates court in the same police station. This was a knowledgeable experience that gave students an insight on the evolution of the police force in the UK.



Student Feedback

Laiba Ilyas (National Extended Diploma): “The Policing Academy gave me the skills and confidence I needed to succeed on my journey into the Police. The sessions were hands-on and the Officers were incredibly supportive. I’m glad I signed up for it and would recommend it all Public Service students.”

Amna Frmic (National Extended Certificate): “I gained a great understanding of what it is like to become a Police Officer and developed a wide range of skills that will benefit me going forward. The sessions were fun, and very worthwhile.”

Lanah Hegarty (National Extended Certificate): “I was provided with a lot of information about the Police, including, how to apply, what different types of jobs there are, as well as hands on practical sessions completing Public Order Training and learning how to effectively Stop & Search an individual. I would recommend this to all students at The Sixth Form Bolton”

Hassan Ali (National Extended Certificate): “The Policing Academy is amazing, everyone should enrol to gain a greater insight into the Police.”