**Military Preparation School - FAQs**

**What Year Groups are able to access the programme?**

Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11.

**How long is the programme?**

Each programme follows the academic year as per the school term timetable; most learners will transition up each year and complete higher programmes to attain as many qualifications as possible.

**What qualifications do I get?**

Learners are able to access both our City and Guilds and BTEC vocational qualifications. Learners amass credits throughout the year and achieve the highest attainment possible, up to Level 2 Diploma accreditation. We offer both level 1 and level 2 qualifications, which allows accessibility for all learners regardless of academic ability. Our qualifications are based on active learning, with the focus on developing employability skills, personal attributes and key academic skills.

* Year 9: Level 1 and 2 City & Guilds Award in Employability Skills (Combined with Year 10: Level 2 Diploma)
* Year 10: Level 2 City & Guilds Extended Certificate in Employability Skills (2x B GCSEs)
* Year 11: Level 2 BTEC Extended Certificate in Teamwork and Personal Development (2x B GCSEs)

**Do the qualifications have exams?**

No, all qualifications are portfolio based, there are no exams.

**What is the programme outline?**

50% is theory-based learning through active and diverse classroom activities. 50% of the course is physical/active, which supports practical evidence for the qualifications. Learners experience unique learning opportunities from: obstacle courses, intersection competitions, overnight expeditions, community work, award days, diverse outdoor education and military activities. Learners will generally spend one day a week in the provision, this therefore limits any impact to their core subjects and school timetable.

**Do I need to be fit to join the course?**

No. Learners work at a level that is suitable to them. Fitness will improve naturally as they take part in exercise each week with learners understanding healthy behaviours and nutrition as the course progresses. All physical activity is differentiated, all we ask if that learners try!

**Will I get to wear a uniform?**

Yes. All learners on the programme wear the MPS uniform. This makes them feel part of the team and gives them a sense of pride. Details on uniform will be explained on the induction weeks of programme.

**Will the course help me choose a career?**

Yes, learners will receive individual careers advice whilst on the course to help with vocational, academic and employability choices.

**Do I have to join the military if I attend the Military Preparation School?**

No, learners will be supported in whatever career path they choose to follow. Although the course is based on military values and low-level contextualised military engagement activities, the course allows learners the opportunity to develop confidence and employability skills. The majority of MPS learners progress to A Levels, apprenticeships or employment.

**How can I find out more information before committing to placement?**

Our friendly team will support schools with all the information prior to any learner attending our centres. Initial correspondence and meetings will support schools and learners with all the necessary information required before any placement decisions are made. The taster day is non-committal and allows learners an opportunity to visit the centre, try out the activities and meet the staff before any commitment is made.

**Can learners transition through Year Groups?**

It is encouraged that learners transition through our curriculum programmes. The benefits of transitioning will allow learners to obtain higher attainment, particularly with the KS4 programme pathway. Learners can obtain 4 GCSEs (equivalent B grades) on a one day a week allocation through Year 10 and 11.