

# Further feedback from Q&A Panel

## AMRC Assessments

'We don't prepare applicants for the assessments for level 3 apprenticeships. The assessments are multiple choice answers and give you either a scenario or picture/shape and you have to select the appropriate response. There are maths and English questions relating to engineering built in (area, measurement etc)

The pass rate is 50%. Myself and my team have done it – we have no engineering background and we all passed. Instructions are given and there are some practice questions before you start. It is timed but tell them not to panic and work through the questions.'

**Lisa Sellers, Recruitment Lead**

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## Routes into Policing through Sheffield Hallam University

'SHU offers three routes into Policing (though the Degree Holder Entry Programme – DHEP – would not be accessible for school leavers).

The details around the degree apprenticeship are predominantly on the South Yorkshire Police Website; I've included a few links below along with one of our press releases which provides a bit of background.

<https://www.southyorks.police.uk/sign-up/join-team-syp/police-officer-roles/be-the-future/>

<https://www.southyorks.police.uk/sign-up/join-team-syp/police-officer-roles/be-the-future/our-offer/>

<https://www.southyorks.police.uk/sign-up/join-team-syp/police-officer-roles/be-the-future/frequently-asked-questions/entry-routes/>

<https://www.shu.ac.uk/news/all-articles/latest-news/south-yorkshire-police-welcome-first-hallam-degree-apprentices>

In addition, I've previously asked our Lead for Policing for any advice he would share with interested Year 13 students. Last time we spoke, he suggested that if the same approach is taken for the 2021/22 academic year as for the 2020/21 year, the following could apply:

- Sheffield Hallam could ideally look for around 112 UCAS points from you (there may be flexibility on this, but hopefully it's useful to have a figure in mind)
- There could be several "intakes" of PCDA apprentices during the academic year from September 2021
- The process of applying to South Yorkshire police could take several months (between registering interest and being given a place on the PCDA)
- Apprentices may need a full driving licence at the point when they begin the apprenticeship

*"Joining the Special Constables as a 'taster' before [applying] is always worth mentioning. It provides a great insight into what a police officer does and also provides valuable experience that forces often*

*take into account when recruiting. Interested students should also keep an eye on the SYP [website](#) for any updates on recruitment.”*

**Martin Flynn**