To leaders, teachers or tutors of young people aspiring to become police officers,

With the final deadline for UCAS applications fast approaching, may I take the opportunity to provide an update on the provision of policing degree programmes at Canterbury Christ Church University, so that you can pass on the information to any young person who may be interested in becoming a police officer.

As you may already know, the police Professional Body, the College of Policing, recently introduced changes to police educational requirements and entry routes into the police service (England and Wales) from January 2020 - further information about that is available here: [http://www.college.police.uk/What-we-do/Learning/Policing-Education-Qualifications-Framework/Entry-routes-for-police-constables](http://www.college.police.uk/What-we-do/Learning/Policing-Education-Qualifications-Framework/Entry-routes-for-police-constables).

As a consequence, Canterbury Christ Church University became one of the first in the country to gain licensee status to provide a College of Policing validated BSc (Hons) Professional Policing. Details of the degree programme can be found using the following link: [https://www.canterbury.ac.uk/study-here/courses/undergraduate/professional-policing-20-21.aspx](https://www.canterbury.ac.uk/study-here/courses/undergraduate/professional-policing-20-21.aspx) This change built on our 20+ years of experience in delivering policing programmes, and during that period, we have gained a great number of strengths and a good deal of expertise in various specialist areas of policing. Indeed, our portfolio of publications include the Blackstone’s Handbook for Policing Students, published by Oxford University Press. A special discounted price for the book is available using the enclosed information sheet, which you are welcome to make copies of.

Nevertheless, completion of the Professional Policing degree does not guarantee entry to the police service. The applicant will still be subject to the police entry requirements, a selection process which includes security vetting, health and fitness checks, if they apply to the service after graduation. Please also note that this programme comes with Special Regulations: it is a College of Policing requirement that each core module must be passed with a mark of 40 or above. This means that the University’s usual assessment policy which allows for a ‘compensated pass’ for one module in the mark range of 30-39 provided other modules are passed, does not apply.

We are mindful that not everyone may wish to study for a professional policing degree in order to join the police service. For example, they may want to have employment elsewhere in the Criminal Justice System, the Border Force, private security, civil service, intelligence, or the voluntary sector. To meet the needs of such students, we have two additional degrees, which do not contain the Special Regulations described above. These are:
1) BSc (Hons) Criminal Investigation https://www.canterbury.ac.uk/study-here/courses/undergraduate/criminal-investigation-20-21.aspx, and
2) BSc (Hons) Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime

Should you know of any young people who are interested in studying with us, please inform them that we will be holding an Open Day at Canterbury Christ Church University on Saturday 23rd November and that they are very welcome to attend. Details are available on our website: https://www.canterbury.ac.uk/study-here/open-days/open-days-and-events.aspx If an interested party is unable to travel to Canterbury to see us in person, do ask them to try out our “Virtual Open Day”: www.canterbury.ac.uk/virtual-open-day

Finally, if any of the young people have any questions, or would just like to have a chat with one of our Policing Lecturers, our Recruitment Lead Bob Underwood would be delighted to contact them in order to answer any queries they might have. In addition, if any interested party is unable to attend our Open Day and would still like to visit at another time, bespoke tours of the University can be arranged by emailing Bob at the following address: bob.underwood@canterbury.ac.uk

With best wishes on behalf of the Policing Team,

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