

Aims of the Course

- Progress to both Higher Education and also employment in the health and social care sector.
- Develop skills, knowledge and understanding in a vocational context.
- Experience practical aspects of health and social care settings.

Health and social care includes the study of policies, legislation, rights, care values, anatomy and medical conditions. Students will be able to apply their knowledge of the subject to a range of care settings and gain valuable skills which could be transferred to a career within this sector.

Types of Learning Experience:

Students will study six modules over 2 years to achieve the A Level. Lesson activities will include class discussions, real life case studies, TV documentaries, lectures, exam questions and group work. Students will also be carrying out extensive research for their coursework.

Link Subjects:

Health & Social Care is particularly useful to study alongside Sociology; Psychology; Biology and Physical Education.

Progressing to Higher Education:

Health and Social Care is a recognised advanced level subject for entry to university and Higher Education.

Careers:

Health and Social Care is especially relevant to those wishing to pursue careers in midwifery, social work; education; nursing; teaching; psychology; occupational therapy and physiotherapy. It is also relevant for students who may wish to pursue careers in law and social policy.

A Level

Examined units:

- Equality, diversity and rights in health and social care
- Health, safety and security in health and social care
- Anatomy and physiology for health and social care

Coursework units:

- Building positive relationships in health and social care
- Diet and nutrition
- Sexual health, reproduction and early development stages

Learners will be awarded a Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction* which are equivalent to the following A Level grades:

Distinction* - A* grade
Distinction - A grade
Merit - C grade
Pass - E grade

Entry requirements:

A minimum of 5 grades 9-4 at GCSE including English and Maths. GCSE Science at grade 4 is recommended.

