

Health and Social Studies

Health and Social Studies as a subject enables students to learn about the skills, organisation and issues involved in the Health and Social care sectors. Students study the Human Life Span development as well as Nutrition and Healthcare Values which are essential whilst working within the medical or social care profession.

Key Stage 4

The Edexcel BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Health and Social Studies has been developed to provide an engaging introduction to the sector for learners aged 14 years and above. It has been designed primarily for young people aged 14 to 19 who may wish to explore a vocational route throughout Key Stage 4, but it is also suitable for other learners who want a vocationally focused introduction to this area of study. This qualification can progress onto A Level or level 3 courses.

Topics studied include:

- Human life span development
- Health and social care values
- Effective communication in health and social care
- The impact of nutrition on health and wellbeing

Current Y11 students can also complete a BTEC L1/2 First Award in Children's Play, Learning & Development.

Sixth Form – Key Stage 5

We are particularly proud of our continuous outstanding results within the department. Many of our students have continued their studies at University, studying courses such as Operational Department Practitioner, Adult & Child Nursing, Dental hygiene and Teaching. Students study in computer equipped classrooms with outstanding teachers who offer expertise and experience. BTEC courses can be taken alongside traditional A-Level subjects and are valued as A-Level equivalent courses.

Practical and theory, work-related learning underpins our Health and Social Studies courses. If you are interested in a career in Nursing, Social Work, Care or other Health related professions this course is an excellent choice. The Health and Social care sector comprises of two sub-sectors, Health care and Social care. Health care encompasses all hospital activities, medical nursing homes and GP services, for example. The Social care sector includes residential nursing care, residential nursing facilities, residential care facilities, domiciliary care and social work. BTEC courses can be taken alongside traditional A-Level subjects.

From September 2018 we will be teaching the BTEC Nationals 2016 course. Each qualification (single, double and triple) has an exam. There is also coursework units which contribute significantly towards the final grade. Students will also take part in valuable work experience which will support them in their future careers within the Health and Social care sector.

Topics include:

- Equality and diversity in health and social care
- Health and safety
- Anatomy and physiology
- Sociological perspectives on health and social care
- Psychological perspectives on health and social care
- Physiological Disorders
- Nutritional Health