

Health and Social Studies

Curriculum intent

About 3 million people in the UK work in health and social care - equivalent to 1 in every 10 people. Demand for both health and social care is likely to continue to rise due to the ageing population, so it is sure to continue to play a key role in UK society, particularly considering the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic.

According to the Department of Health, demand for people to fill these vital jobs will continue to increase. Our rationale is to provide a fluid and dynamic knowledge rich KS4 option curriculum, which gives learners, access, and progress to KS5 and beyond. The Health and Social Care course is a vocationally related qualification which takes an engaging, practical, and inspiring approach to learning and assessment. Health and Social Care will equip students with a sound, specialist knowledge from both the specification and broader perspectives from society to widen their cultural capital.

The course challenges all students by introducing them to demanding materials and skills, encouraging independence and creativity. We develop skills in empathy and listening, perseverance, commitment, humility, good manners, and confidence, as well as seeking and responding to feedback.

The intent of our curriculum is:

To ensure students grow intellectually, socially, and morally through their commitment to Health and Social Care.

- To ensure students develop a viewpoint, demonstrating empathy and compassion, whilst challenging stereotypes and discrimination.
- To ensure students gain employability skills along with learning life skills for everyday use.
- To ensure students have a knowledge and understanding of the vast opportunities offered within the Health & Social Care sector.

It is also an intention to raise student aspirations through personal development by creating key links with universities and the local Health & Social Care sector. The study of care values is at the heart of Health and Social Care which develops skills such as empathy, compassion, commitment, resilience, and empowerment. This enables our students to become well rounded and educated citizens who contribute to society in a positive way. The curriculum within Health and Social Care supports the ethos on King Ecgbert school as the subject is broad, balanced, and relevant to the needs of students and employers.