

Sixth Form Courses

BTEC Level 3 Health & Social Care

Why take this subject?

The BTEC National in Health and Social Care is ideal for any student interested in working in the caring professions in the future, for example nursery nursing, social work or elderly care. The course is vocational based and provides an excellent foundation for future learning or employment in the care sector. This course is equivalent to 1 A Level as it is an Extended Certificate therefore 4 units will be covered across the 2 years.

What do I need to have studied at GCSE?

No specific subjects are essential at GCSE but you must have 5 A*-C passes including English & Maths. You do not need to have studied Health & Social Care at KS4 to complete this course.

What will we study?

The course involves 4 units listed below; these are comprised of the central elements for successful care work.

*Unit 1 Human Lifespan Development (Core Unit – externally assessed)
Exam sat in Summer of Year 12 (May/June 2018)*

*Unit 2 Working in Health & Social Care (Core Unit – externally assessed)
Exam sat in Summer of Year 12 (May/June 2018)*

Unit 5 Meeting Individual Care & Support Needs (optional unit)

Unit 12 Supporting Individuals with Additional Needs (optional unit)

How will I be examined?

The qualification is comprised of 2 externally examined units as shown above and you will sit a 1 hour and 30 minute exam for each of these units. The optional units are coursework based units and you will be able to achieve a Pass, Merit or Distinction level in each unit.

What super curricular opportunities will be available to me?

The course can involve a work placement at nursery, school and hospital or care home towards part of your coursework.

What can this subject lead to?

This subject will greatly help if you are interested in a career in health and social care, such as care home assistants, chiropodists, counsellors, health care workers, nurses, occupational therapists, social workers or nursery nurses. This BTEC qualification carries the same amount of UCAS points as an A level so can lead to university places, but equally gives a good vocational grounding in order to apply for an apprenticeship or employment.