



Health and Social Care Department

The Health and Social Care Department occupies one classroom on the first floor of the school. The classroom is equipped with a state-of-the-art *Smartboard*, linked to a desktop computer. The teacher's desktop is linked to a classroom speaker system. There are also two standard whiteboards in the room. The classroom has a brand new well-equipped ICT suite allowing students the ability to develop independent enquiry skills. The classroom also stocks a good range of core BTEC textbooks and other teaching resources.



Health and Social Care is a successful department and achievement is strong at all key stages. Results are excellent each year and recent highlights include:

Key Stage 4

- 57% of BTEC Level 2 Health & Social Care grades were Level 2 Distinction or better over the last 4 years, and 75% Level 2 Merit or better
- 93% Level 2 Pass rate over the last 4 years

Key Stage 5

- 93% of BTEC Level 3 Diploma Health & Social Care students over the last 4 years achieved at least a Double Distinction, with 100% achieving Double Merit or higher
- 95% of BTEC Level 3 National Certificate Health & Social Care students achieved at least a Distinction, with 100% achieving Merit or higher
- 100% of BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Children's Development were a Distinction or better in 2020 and 2021.
- Level 3 Value Added scores achieved in Health & Social Care in the last 2 years this was measured (2018 and 2019) were significantly above national standards

Curriculum Overview

Key Stage 3

Key Stage 3 provision is for Y9 students who currently have 4 x 1 hour lessons per 2-week cycle. The curriculum has been designed specifically for them to build a firm foundation of roles and responsibilities within the sector and be aware of contemporary issues in practice. Students are assessed at regular stages throughout the academic year using a variety of assessment methods. The topics covered are:

- Effective Communication Skills
- Health Promotion
- Anti-discriminatory Practice
- Nutrition
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Care Values
- Chronic Disease Management

Key Stage 4

Key Stage 4 provision for Years 10 and 11 students currently is 5 x 1 hour lessons per 2-week cycle. We follow the BTEC Edexcel examination board syllabus: both year groups complete the BTEC Level 1/2 Tech Award in Health and Social Care.

The units currently delivered and their manner of assessment are:

- Component 1: Human Lifespan Development
- Component 2: Health and Social Care Services and Values
- Component 3: Health and Wellbeing

Key Stage 5

At Key Stage 5, we offer the new NQF BTEC specification (2016) Level 3 Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care and BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care. Assessment is through a combination of both external examinations and internally assessed coursework units. Additionally, all students at KS5 are offered work experience within a health and social care setting, in order to develop their sector knowledge and employability skills.

BTEC Diploma in Health and Social Care- Equivalent to 2 A' levels

Level 3 Diploma consists of 6 *Mandatory* and 2 *Optional* Units, from the following:

Mandatory Units

- Unit 1 Human Lifespan Development
- Unit 2 Working in the Health and Social Care Sector
- Unit 4 Enquiries into Current Research in Health and Social Care
- Unit 5 Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs
- Unit 7 Principles of Safe Practice in Health and Social Care
- Unit 8 Promoting Public Health

Optional Units

- Unit 6 Work Experience in Health and Social Care
- Unit 10 Sociological Perspectives
- Unit 11 Psychological Perspectives
- Unit 12 Supporting Individuals with Different Needs
- Unit 14 Physiological Disorders and their Care

BTEC Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care - Equivalent to 1 A level

Level 3 Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care consists of 3 *Mandatory* and 1 *Optional* Unit, from the following:

Mandatory Units

- Unit 1 Human Lifespan Development
- Unit 2 Working in the Health and Social Care Sector
- Unit 5 Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs

Optional Units

- Unit 10 Sociological Perspectives
- Unit 11 Psychological Perspectives
- Unit 12 Supporting Individuals with Different Needs
- Unit 14 Physiological Disorders and their Care

Key Stage 5

Since September 2018 the department has offered BTEC Extended Certificate in L3 Children's, Play, Learning and Development at Key Stage 5. Assessment is through a combination of both external examinations and internally assessed coursework units. Additionally, all students must complete a mandatory 50 hour work experience within an early year's setting in order to achieve their qualification.

BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Children's play, learning and development - Equivalent to 1 A' level

Level 3 Extended Certificate consists of 3 Mandatory and 1 Optional Units, from the following:

Mandatory Units:

- Unit 1 Children's Development
- Unit 2 Development of Children's Communication, Literacy and Numeracy Skills
- Unit 3 Play and Learning

Optional Units:

- Unit 5 Keeping Children Safe
- Unit 6 Children's Physical Development, Care and Health Needs
- Unit 8 Working with Parents and Others in Early Years
- Unit 11 The Early Years Foundation Stage