

## HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE AT THE OPEN ACADEMY

Our school vision **“Courage in every step, faith in every journey”**

In the Health and Social Care Level 2 Tech Award, students demonstrate a range of skills and qualities throughout the 3 Components. In **Component 1: Human Lifespan Development**, learners explore physical, intellectual, emotional and social development across life stages and the factors that impact growth. In **Component 2: Health and Social Care Services and Values**, they examine different services, the skills of care practitioners, and the importance of person-centred values such as dignity, respect and equality. In **Component 3: Health and Wellbeing**, students apply their knowledge to interpret health indicators and create improvement plans, building the confidence and resilience needed to support individuals effectively throughout their unique journeys.

RESPECT	ASPIRATION	PERSEVERANCE
<p>Throughout the Health and Social Care curriculum, students learn that <b>respect</b> underpins all professional practice. Across the three components, they explore individuality and empathy, study core values such as dignity, equality and confidentiality, and practise respectful communication and person-centred care. Through case studies and applied health improvement plans, students learn to challenge discrimination and value each individual’s unique journey. This is important because respect builds trust, protects individuals’ rights, promotes positive outcomes, and ensures high-quality, compassionate care in all settings, including in students own communities.</p>	<p>Throughout the Health and Social Care curriculum, <b>aspiration</b> is embedded as a core value by encouraging students to aim high in both their academic achievement and future careers. Learners explore a wide range of roles within the health and social care sector, setting personal goals and reflecting on the skills needed to progress to further education or employment. By applying their knowledge in practical scenarios and striving to improve outcomes for individuals, students develop ambition, resilience and a commitment to making a positive difference in their communities.</p>	<p><b>Perseverance</b> is embedded throughout the Health and Social Care curriculum by encouraging students to develop resilience, patience and determination — qualities essential in care professions. Students engage with challenging case studies, coursework tasks and exam preparation, where they are supported to respond positively to feedback and continuously improve their work. Through exploring real-life scenarios, including barriers to development and health challenges, students understand that progress often requires persistence. By reflecting on their own learning journey and setting targets for improvement, they build the confidence and determination needed to overcome obstacles and succeed both academically and in future care roles.</p>

SPIRITUALITY	GLOBAL CITIZENS	AWE AND WONDER
<p>Through learning about different beliefs, values and practices across cultures and communities, students gain an appreciation of how spirituality can provide comfort, meaning and a sense of purpose. By examining how care settings respect and support spiritual needs, students understand the role spirituality plays in promoting dignity, identity and emotional wellbeing. This helps students recognise the importance of holistic care and the impact of spiritual support on connection, belonging and quality of life.</p>	<p>Through learning about diverse cultures, values and perspectives from around the world, students gain an appreciation of equality, diversity and inclusion in care practices. By exploring global issues such as health inequalities, access to care and cultural differences, students develop an understanding of how care can be delivered respectfully and effectively in a diverse society. This helps students recognise their role in promoting fairness, empathy and inclusive practice, supporting individuals from all backgrounds to feel valued and respected.</p>	<p>Students experience awe and wonder as they explore the complexity of the human body and the ways in which health and wellbeing are supported across the lifespan. By learning about physical, emotional and social development, as well as the impact of care practices, they develop curiosity about how individuals grow, adapt and are supported in different circumstances. This inspires a deeper appreciation of the knowledge, skills and compassion required in Health and Social Care, encouraging students to value the importance of high-quality care and its impact on people's lives.</p>