

The Health and Social Care course is currently taught by one teacher Mrs Smith. She has a wealth of knowledge and has been teaching for many years, keeping up-to-date with current issues and ensuring they are incorporated into the learning of the students.



Key Stage 4

In Health and Social Care, the core values are at the heart of the subject. Students apply their learning to real-life scenarios in three different components, each one building on to the next, this gives students confidence in their learning and knowledge.

The Health and Social Care course offered at Key Stage 4 is BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2. This consists of three components that synoptically link together, the first two are coursework units the third an exam assessed unit.

In component 1 students understand how we develop and grow throughout our lives. They explore how individuals develop physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially over time. They investigate how various factors and events impact individuals' growth and development and discover how people adapt to live events and changes.

In component 2 students learn which health and social care services are available and identify why people may need to access them. They research who provides the services and explore barriers to accessing them. Within this component students also learn the laws and policies in place to protect service users.

In component 3 students identify what it means to be healthy and explore the different factors that might influence health and wellbeing. They learn to identify key health indicators and using their knowledge create a health and wellbeing plan under external assessment conditions using a case study.

Below is a link to the specification

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-tech-awards/health-and-social-care.html>

Key Stage 5

Aims and objectives

The Post-16 course (BTEC Health and Social Care) builds on the offer at Key stage 4 ready for Higher Education or the work of work in the health care, teaching, psychology or sociological sector, however students do not need to have studied the subject at Key Stage 4 to study and be successful at Key Stage 5.

One course is offered and that is BTEC Extended Certificate Level 3, it is equivalent to 1 A' Level.

This course is made up of 4 units, 2 per year.

The first-year students complete the compulsory units of:

1. Human Lifespan Development - exam based unit
2. Meeting individual Care and Support Needs – coursework

In the second year:

1. Working in Health and Social Care - exam based
2. Sociological Perspectives – coursework

Below is a link to the specification

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-nationals/health-and-social-care-2016.html>