



Health and Social Care

Key Stage 4 (years 9-11)

This BTEC course provides broad introduction to health and social care. It covers aspects of working in the health and social care sector as well as theory and practical skills that can be used both in the sector and transferable to the wider world. Students learn about communication skills, about treating people with respect, and about the importance of embracing diversity; they learn about healthy lifestyle including the issues surrounding negative lifestyle choices such as drugs alcohol and smoking and the positive choices such as the importance of good health and exercise.

Studying Health and Social Care teaches students life skills as well as theoretical knowledge. Learning about lifestyle choices and the attributes needed to deal with people and to get on in life will be essential to them as they move on from key stage 4 to college or apprenticeships.

Key Stage 5 (years 12-13)

Key stage 5 health and social care offers two pathways. The BTEC Extended Certificate is equivalent to one A level and covers 4 modules, 3 coursework units and 1 exam unit. This includes human lifespan and development, working in health and social care, meeting individual needs and physiological disorders. The BTEC National Diploma is equivalent to 2 A levels and is made up of all certificate modules plus 2 more additional exams and a coursework unit. Diploma students are also encouraged to complete work experience each week to widen their health and social care skills.