



HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE.

Within the department, students experience a wide range of activities that will equip them well both in future careers and in further academic study. The department believes firmly that work should be both enjoyable and challenging in order that all students are given the opportunity to work to their full potential. Health and Social Care offers breadth and balance, it develops a sense of wisdom for students to see the world through the eyes of a range of individuals. The department encourages students to develop their knowledge and skills whilst also encouraging them to ask questions to develop their understanding and confidence in their own abilities. Students are provided with transferable skills and tools that can be applied to a range of careers across the health and social care sector.

KEY STAGE 4

The OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate is a two year course across Years 10 and 11. Students have a time allocation of 5 periods per fortnight.

This course has been designed to provide education and training for Health and Social Care employees and students. It can be used to gain employment in the Health and Social Care sector or to progress to achieve other vocational qualifications. Students can develop a range of skills and techniques, personal skills and attributes which can be used later in working life.

The course is suitable for students wishing to work in the health professions, within social care and working with children in the Early Years sector. It is also recognised by other service sectors.

The course consists of two coursework portfolios, worth 60% of the total marks and a single tier external written exam making up the remaining 40% to be completed over the two years.

KEY STAGE 5

LEVEL 3 CAMBRIDGE ADVANCED NATIONAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE

This course will provide learners with the opportunity through applied learning, to develop core principles and specialist knowledge and understanding required in the health and social care sector. The qualification is vocational taking a more engaging, practical approach to learning and assessment. It is a high level qualification which maintains UCAS points that are equivalent to an A Level qualification. A total of 6 units will be covered over the two year course with 4 units being internally assessed as coursework and 2 units assessed as a written examination.

In Year 12, students will cover one external examination and two internally assessed coursework units. The examination is Principles of Health and Social Care. The coursework units focus on Supporting Individuals with Mental Health Conditions and adopting a Person-centred Approach to Care.

In Year 13, students will focus on the final external examination unit of Anatomy and Physiology in Health and Social Care. Students will also complete two coursework portfolios, these are optional units.