

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

The Course

The Health and Social Care qualifications will cover the underpinning knowledge, understanding and skills required by the Health and Social Care sectors, providing a broad basis for further and higher education or employment within the sectors.

Areas of study include factors that affect human growth and development, common illnesses, diseases and disorders, and how they may be prevented and controlled, provision of health and social care: adults, children's and young people's services, promoting quality care and communication and promoting good health.

Learners on the double qualification will be able to broaden their study by choosing two topics from a number of optional units. Examples include understanding human behaviour, understanding mental health and well-being and promoting the rights of adults, children and young people

These qualifications will require an element of meaningful employer/sector engagement which could include a set work placement.

Vocational qualifications, such as Health and Social Care are the equivalent to an AS and A-Level qualifications and can be studied alongside your other AS choices.

Tasks

Before you start your Health and Social Care lessons you will need to start building up an idea of what it means to work in the care sector. We would like you to look at news articles about care issues during your summer break before joining the Sixth Form. Consider health issues which are particularly relevant in our community today – the government response to coronavirus, young people and mental health and dementia.

The best sources of information will be newspaper articles from The Telegraph, The Times, The Guardian and The Independent. The weekend editions of these papers are particularly rich in examples. The BBC news website, under the Health and Education tabs may also be useful.

Speak to people who work in the sector. It is these people who will give you hands-on information about working in the world of health care and social care. There is no better resource!

If you can volunteer at a local hospital, care home, play group or nursery, this would be fantastic experience.

Useful Links

<https://www.healthandcarelearning.wales/resources/?l=Level%203&se=Health%20and%20Social%20Care&su=>

<https://www.healthandcarelearning.wales/media/1705/specification.pdf>

<https://www.healthandcarelearning.wales/media/1908/q7-unit-2-external-sample-assessment-materials-sub5a-251119.pdf>

<https://www.nmc.org.uk/>

<https://www.bmj.com/>

<https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/>