

Health and Social Care

"Health and Social Care I have enjoyed studying Health and Social as an A Level as it has given me the opportunity to develop my communication skills. In addition to this, it has allowed me to develop compassion, which is a vital skill that is needed in order to work in the Health sector."

Cari Jones

"I really enjoy this subject because you get to learn a lot about being able to care for people and even though there can be a lot of work, it is really enjoyable."

Shauna Moran

Why study Health and Social Care?

This course is suitable for post-16 learners who are interested in learning about the development and care of individuals throughout the life span - from conception to later adulthood. Learners will follow a broad study of health and social care, and childcare at AS, and can then choose between two pathways at A2 to develop depth of knowledge and understanding in either childcare or adult health and social care.

Entry requirements

A grade C or above would secure a place on the course. Students who have not studied Health and Social Care at GCSE Level are encouraged to see the Head of Department and Head of Sixth Form.

Course details and assessment format

The GCE AS and A Level in Health and Social Care, and Childcare is assessed through 50% internal assessment and 50% external assessment.

AS

Unit 1: Promoting health and well-being

Written examination: (2 hours) 20% of qualification

Unit 2: Supporting health, well-being and resilience in Wales

Non-exam assessment: (approximately 30 hours) 20% of qualification

Topics include how care and support is provided in Wales and how this contrasts with another country in the UK.

A Level (the above plus a further 2 units)

Unit 3: Theoretical perspectives of children and young people's development

Written examination: (2 hours 30 minutes) 30% of qualification

Unit 4: Supporting the development, health, well-being and resilience of children and young people

Non-exam assessment: (approximately 40 hours) 30% of qualification

The task requires learners to produce an information resource for someone planning a future career in the childcare sector.

Skills which are developed and possible progression

The learners will develop valuable work related skills such as Communication, teamwork and problem solving skills as well as developing extensive knowledge and understanding about the skills, qualities and values required to work in health and social care in the future. The majority of the learners go on to study for a Professional qualification in Health, Social or Children's Services.

