

Intent statement Child development Health and Social Care

Curriculum intent statement:

We believe the ability to understand how to look after ourselves and others within our society is vital in the modern world. Studying Child Development at key stage 4 and Health and Social Care at key stage 5 will give students a diverse range of knowledge and understanding of the world in which they will live and work. We feel that studying health and social care will enable them to become knowledgeable about health promotion, the impact of lifestyle choices on health and wellbeing, recognising and treating illnesses and diseases and promoting health and safety through day to day activities is of great importance and benefit to the students.

As a department we prepare our students to be responsible for their own actions in their community and to respect the views and wishes of others, embracing our Christian values of treating others as we would wish to be treated ourselves.

We use the Cambridge National level 1 / 2 specification for the Child Development and the BTEC level 3 extended certificate in Health and social care in KS5. We feel these vocational specifications bring the subject to life and inspire them to achieve more by using a blend of coursework and examination units. Enhancing learning by recognising the importance of educational visits to a range of health and social care settings brings learning to life and gives students exposure to the facilities and services within our local community. These visits enhance the students experience allowing them to see how learning in the classroom is put into practice in the workplace Through work experience opportunities students can also approach local employers for post 16 job opportunities.

We believe these vocational courses encourage learners to make informed choices about a wide range of further learning opportunities and career pathways.