BTEC Level 1/2 Tech Award in Health and Social Care Curriculum Intent

What the curriculum is designed to do

Health and Social Care is one of the fastest growing sectors in the UK with demand for employees continuously rising. The BTEC Level 1/2 Tech Award in Health and Social Care is aimed at students who want to acquire sector-specific knowledge through vocational contexts by studying human lifespan development, health and social care services and values, and health and wellbeing as part of their Key Stage 4 learning. This gives students the opportunity to develop an applied knowledge and understanding of the Health and Social Care sector.

How we deliver the curriculum

The curriculum explores key areas in the Health and Social Care industry through three interrelated components rather than totally distinct study areas. This gives students the opportunity to build their confidence in understanding the sector, vocational contexts, and attributes over a long period. The three components that students will study are:

- Component 1: Human Lifespan Development
- Component 2: Health and Social Care Services and Values
- Component 3: Health and Wellbeing

How we assess students

Students will complete at least one formative assessment per half-term to prepare them for the following assessments:

Component	Description of assessment	When does the assessment take place?
Component 1: Human	60 Marks	Year 10 September – February:
Lifespan Development	Non-exam internal assessment set by	Explore content.
	Pearson.	Y10 February:
	6 hours to complete assignment.	Complete Pearson Set
		Assignment
Component 2: Health and	60 Marks	Year 10 April – September
Social Care Services and	Non-exam internal assessment set by	Explore content
Values	Pearson.	Y11 October:
	6 hours to complete assignment.	Complete Pearson Set
		Assignment
Component 3: Health and	60 Marks	Y11 January – May
Wellbeing	2-hour exam marked by Pearson	Explore content
-		Y11 May/June
		Complete exam

How it benefits students learning and personal development

This qualification will enable students to make more informed choices for further learning, especially in the Health and Social Care sector. Students will also develop key personal skills such as the ability to reflect on one's own performance, presentation techniques, compassion, and empathy. These are all enhanced through the volunteering opportunities with our community links: care homes, food banks and doctors' surgeries.