

Year 9 Short Course 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 Year 9 short course option in Health and Social Care is aimed at students who want to gain an insight into this ever-growing and vital industry. The course aims to provide students with the key skills required to be successful at KS4 study whilst building them a foundation of knowledge in areas such as: Care Values, Poverty, Diet and Life Stages.

How we deliver the curriculum

The curriculum explores key content from the BTEC Level 1/2 Tech Award in Health and Social Care in order to give students a foundation of knowledge that they can build on when they commence the course in Year 10. Students will learn about the Health and Social Care industry in a variety of ways to equip them with the key skills that will ensure they are successful at KS4. They will complete a variety of research tasks as individuals and as part of groups and learn to present their information in a variety of ways. These include leaflets, presentations, posters, and extended writing tasks. Students will cover different topics and themes throughout the year that include content surrounding Health and Social Care Services and Values, Human Lifespan Development and Health and Wellbeing.

How we assess students

Students will complete at least one summative assessment per half term, and these will be in a variety of formats that range from less formal tasks such as presentations and leaflets to more formal tasks such as responding to a brief with extended writing. The assessments aim to build students confidence, knowledge and writing techniques so they feel confident at drawing information from a provided vocational context and can produce an extended writing piece in the same format of a Pearson Set Assignment, their assessment method in Year 10.

How it benefits students learning and personal development

This short course will enable students to make more informed choice about their decision to choose Health and Social Care as an option, as they will not have studied this course in previous years. 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.