

Health & Social Care

Exam Board: Edexcel

FULSTON MANOR SCHOOL



WHY TAKE THIS COURSE?

Health and Social Care is a very popular vocational area with a wide range of opportunities for young people who have a caring nature. There is a huge demand for well qualified care professionals in society and demographic factors indicate that this demand will continue to grow.

Some of these careers are in the following fields:

- Medical – nursing, midwifery, imaging technician, physiotherapy and occupational therapy.
- Early Years Education – pre-school carer, nursery carer, infant and lower primary school teacher.
- Social Work – social worker, support worker, residential care worker, community care worker.

Many of our former students have progressed to higher education courses and others have embarked on health and social care careers upon leaving the Sixth Form. Subjects that particularly complement Health and Social Care at Advanced Level are Sociology, Psychology, Human Biology and Sports Studies.

AIMS OF THE COURSE

- To equip students with a range of relevant skills for care occupations.
- To engender an understanding of the attitudes and personal qualities essential to working in HSC.
- To develop students' knowledge and understanding of contemporary issues within the care field.

COURSE STRUCTURE AND CONTENT

Extended Certificate (equivalent to 1 A Level)

Human lifespan development

Working in Health and Social Care

Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs

Supporting Individuals with Additional Needs

Diploma (equivalent to 2 A Levels)

In addition to the Extended Certificate units:

Enquiries into Current Research in Health and Social Care

Principles of Safe Practice in Health and Social Care

Promoting Public Health

Nutritional Health

ASSESSMENT

Assessment takes place via a combination of centre-assessed coursework and external examinations. Units have differing weightings towards the final grade.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To be accepted onto this course a student should have at least 5 GCSEs at grades 9 - 4 (or equivalent). Strong essay writing skills are very advantageous and students would be expected to have a GCSE of at least a grade 4 in English Language. Students should be skilled independent workers because of the large amount of coursework involved in this course.