



GCSE Health and Social Care (Double Applied)

One year vocational Health and Social Care course, equivalent to two GCSEs

Students will combine this course with up to four other GCSEs.

Requirements:

The College minimum to start a GCSE course is four GCSEs at grade D or above. You do not need to have studied Health and Social Care before starting the GCSE. The student will also be expected to meet the Average Points Score for this subject. It is important that you have a lively and enquiring mind, a willingness to explore new ideas and an ability to communicate your ideas effectively. Most of all you should have an interest in social care and enjoy coursework.

This subject will focus on:

- health, social care and early years provision;
- the many different jobs that are on offer within the care industry;
- the promotion of health and well-being;
- understanding personal development and relationships; and
- health, social care and early years practice.

You can expect to:

- gain an understanding of health and social care;
- learn to look after your own health and well being and understand ways of helping others;
- learn about the stages of personal development;
- have an opportunity to apply learning in a practical and realistic way;
- follow a programme of study that enables progression to further courses and employment in the health and care services; and
- gain confidence by developing independent learning skills.

Method of assessment:

Assessment is by coursework and examination.

Progression:

Students gaining a GCSE in Health and Social Care will have access to a range of career and further education courses including A Level Health and Social Care. The GCSE in Health and Social Care is also a good starting point for progression into jobs in the care services such as nursing, social worker, care assistant and working with children.

Other information:

Students from the GCSE class commented: "To complete my Unit 1 assignment, I revisited a nursery where I completed a work placement and discovered that there was the possibility of a job opportunity for me. I think the knowledge I have gained in this unit will be very useful when I start work. The unit has encouraged me to learn more about childcare."

"I have really enjoyed the course. I did not really work to the best of my ability at school and feel that the course has given me the confidence to do well."

Ex Hall Mead pupil, Victoria Beaumont, joined the College in 2007 to do the Double Applied Health and Social Care GCSE course. Achieving this alongside her English GCSE, Vikki progressed to the Double Applied A Level which she completed in 2010. Vikki was immediately snapped up by a local primary school at her first employment interview!

In 2008 the GCSE Health and Social Care course achieved a 100% pass rate.