Specialist Qualification in Health and Social Care

Entry Criteria:

- Five GCSE's at Grade 4 or above
- One of the five to be GCSE Mathematics or English at Grade 4 or above.

Coursework/Examination Requirements: The course is made up of six units, three examination units and three coursework units.

Awarding Body/Specifications: OCR Technical Certificate/Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care. Students will be awarded a Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction* by the points gained for the successful achievement of individual units. These are then calculated into UCAS points.

Specialist Qualification (equivalent to one A Level): This course aims to develop and sustain an interest in the Care Sector which includes Health, Early Years care, Education and Social Care. You will acquire knowledge and understanding of the Care Sector and the issues which affect it. You will develop skills which will enable you to make an effective contribution to the Care Sector. This will also include some practical experience. If you are considering a career in the Health and Social Care sector, this subject will provide you with the skills to make an effective contribution. It will also prepare you for further study and training.

The following units will be covered on this course:

Year 12

Unit 1 – Building Positive Relationship in Health and Social Care

This provides an understanding of communication used in care.

You will demonstrate effective communication skills in a care environment.

Unit 2 – Equality, Diversity and Rights in Health and Social Care

Students will enhance their understanding of equality issues and the effects these may have on health and well-being.

Unit 3 – Health, Safety and Security in Health and Social Care

Public Examination.

Year 13

Unit 4 – Anatomy and Physiology for Health and Social Care

This unit explores the functions and malfunctions of the main body systems.

Unit 10 – Nutrition for Health and Social Care

Students will learn the recommended nutritional guidelines and functions of nutrients.

Unit 22 - Psychology for Health and Social Care

This unit examines the main psychological perspectives and applies them to care.

Specialist Qualification Certificate: If you choose to study this subject for one year only, you will be awarded the Certificate (equivalent to one AS Level). You will cover Units 1, 2 and 3 and sit public examinations in Year 12.

Progression: There is access to Higher Education courses at degree level. The subject is of particular relevance to a wide range of Health, Social Care or Early Years degrees such as Teaching, Nursing and Social Work. A range of employment opportunities are opened up in Social Services, Care of Children and the Elderly and Administration. Some direct entry employment is combined with further training.

Opportunities: Visits, work-based interviews and observations are necessary and part-time employment skills can be used towards assessment, where these are appropriate. Students observe communication skills in a range of settings including primary schools.