

# **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

## **Health and Social Care**

### **Q 1. What is Health and Social Care?**

*This subject combines elements of a range of interesting topics that explore both health and social care in private and public sectors. The course includes modules that will prepare students to meet the needs of clients in a holistic way, accounting for their physical, intellectual, emotional and social needs.*

### **Q 2. What do you study in Health and Social Care?**

*You will study a range of topics and modules. Some of these units are assessed through coursework, with some units being assessed by written examination.*

*Below are examples of some of the units we study -*

- 1) Human lifespan development*
- 2) Working in health and social care*
- 3) Anatomy and physiology*
- 4) Research methods.*
- 5) Meeting individual needs*
- 6) Work experience in health and social care*
- 7) Principles of safe practice in health and social care*
- 8) Promoting public health*
- 9) Sociological Perspectives*
- 10) Psychological Perspective*
- 11) Nutritional Health*

*For a full list, please refer to our website and look at the specific courses.*



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## Q 3. What courses do you offer in Health & Social Care?

Course	Name /Exam Board	Entry requirement
BTEC Level 3 Extended certificate (Equivalent to 1 A' Level) 50 % coursework 50% exam.	<b>Pearson BTEC National Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care Level 3 RQF</b>	Five GCSEs between 9-4 (or A*-C), one or two at B/6 with two of English, Maths or Science <b>OR</b> Five GCSEs between 9-4 (or A*-C) together with Distinctions in BTEC Level 2 qualifications <b>OR</b> Seven or eight GCSEs at grade 4 (or C)
BTEC National Extended diploma (old spec.) (Equivalent to 3 A' level programme) 52 % coursework. 48 % Examined.	<b>Pearson BTEC National Extended diploma in Health and Social Care level 3 RQF</b>	Minimum of five GCSE grades 9-4 (or A*-C) including either English or Maths
Level 2 BTEC First extended certificate. (Equivalent to 3 GCSE course) Exam 12.5% coursework 87.5%	<b>Pearson BTEC First Diploma level 1/2 in Health and Social Care NQF</b>	Minimum of four GCSEs at grade 3 (or D) or better

## Q 4. Which other A Level subjects go well with Health & Social Care 1 A' Level BTEC?

*Health and Social Care is a social science and therefore goes well with numerous other subjects. Many of our students choose to do Health and Social Care alongside a social science subject such as Psychology, Law, Criminology, Sociology and Business Studies. A number of Health-related degree courses often require a science A' level so some students choose to study Biology A' Level alongside this. Health and Social Care also combines well with English A' Level, as this is a useful subject to have for entry into professions such as Speech Therapy. As Health and Social Care has a broad range of topics, it combines well with a number of A' Levels.*



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## Q 5. What are the class sizes in Health & Social Care?

*This is a very popular subject and the class sizes usually range from 20 – 24 students. This is a large department in the college with 17 classes taught by 12 teachers. Class sizes for the level 2 course are normally smaller, approximately 15 students.*

## Q 6. What career can you do with Health and Social Care?

*This subject provides an excellent opportunity to apply for a number of different courses or apprenticeships. There are a broad range of rewarding careers you can progress onto after studying Health and Social Care. The most popular degree programmes that students go on to study at university are - Nursing, Midwifery, Social Work, Primary teaching, Paramedic, Occupational therapy, Dietician and Speech therapy. Many students also study Psychology, Sociology, Criminology, Law, Youth and Community work degree's and many more. For more information on careers in the NHS please visit [Health Careers](#).*

## Q 7. Do you go on any trips in Health and Social Care?

*Each year the department normally arranges several university trips offering specific health taster days. We also undertake unit specific trips in the local area. We have previously taken Health and Social Care students to Euro Disney in Paris for a Healthcare conference. We are looking to run more trips in Europe in the future, but this will be dependent on developments with COVID. In addition, we have a range of visiting speakers from various professions in the NHS who come to talk about their role.*

## Q 8. What support will I get?

*The subject is taught by an outstanding team of teachers, many of whom have a previous background working in the health and social care sector, and bring a wealth of experience with them to the classroom. A range of different resources are provided to students to help support their learning. Students are regularly assessed and monitored; this ensures they do not fall behind and that they receive the right support and guidance. Teachers in the department are approachable and make themselves available to offer drop in sessions to help support students with any areas of difficulty. The*



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*department offers an extra support session for upper sixth students and an 'independent study package' is offered to students to help them improve their grades. Revision and 'skills targeted' support sessions are offered throughout the year to help with the written exams.*

## Q 9. Do I have to go on placement with this course?

*In normal circumstances, there is a requirement to complete some placement hours. For the full BTEC (3 A Level equivalent) you normally complete 3 block weeks (totalling 100 hours). However, due to COVID restrictions, students will replace this with an assignment on 'Health Promotion' instead. Our other courses have no compulsory requirement to complete a placement, however we normally arrange at least one placement for students as it helps support learning, through witnessing the practical application of what is learnt in the classroom.*

## Q 10. If placements do go ahead, where will I be sent?

*We have a designated placement officer who will interview you at the beginning of the course to see what your career aims are. We then try to find a suitable placement for you, related to your future career plans. We use a range of placements including –*

- ◆ *Hospitals*
- ◆ *GP practices*
- ◆ *Secondary schools*
- ◆ *Residential Care Homes*
- ◆ *Primary Schools*
- ◆ *Pupil Referral Units*
- ◆ *Nurseries*
- ◆ *Midwifery Placements*
- ◆ *Nursing Homes*

*Should placement not be an option due to COVID restrictions, we will aim to introduce a range of events in college to supplement students' experiences. The exam board is currently developing an*



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*adapted assignment for students to complete as an alternative to attending placement.*



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