

## **Health and Social Care (OCR Cambridge National Certificate)**

Health and Social Care is a subject that is relevant to your own life and experiences. It will involve understanding how all age groups grow and develop, what makes people healthy and what provision there is for caring for people in society. There will be opportunities to apply your knowledge practically and to interact with professionals from this field of work.

### **Who is it for?**

This option will suit students who may be interested in a career in health, social care and early year's sectors or any of the "caring" professions. The OCR Cambridge National Certificate in Health and Social Care is a level 1 and 2 course.

### **What will I study and how will I be graded?**

You will follow the OCR Cambridge National Certificate in Health and Social Care. The grades that you can achieve are:

- Level 2 – Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction\*
- Level 1 – Pass, Merit or Distinction

### **How do the BTEC grades compare to the GCSE grades?**

If you achieve a Level 2 qualification, this is the equivalent to GCSE grades 9-4.

If you achieve a Level 1 qualification, this is the equivalent to the GCSE grades 3-1.

### **What units/topics will I study?**

You will study two mandatory units in year 10 and a two optional units in year 11.

The mandatory units are:

- R021 - Essential values of care for use with individuals in care settings
- R022 - Communicating and working with individuals in health, social care and early years settings

The optional units are (subject to change):

- R031 - Using basic first aid procedures
- R025 - Understanding life stages

### **How will I be assessed?**

R021, essential values of care for use with individuals in care settings, will be assessed through an exam in Year 10.

R022 and the optional units will be assessed through written reports and assessments.

This course will help you learn:

- To be responsible for completing work to deadlines.
- Skills and knowledge of Health, Social Care and Early Years related professions.
- To develop key skills that are highly valued by employers and further education

**How will I Study?**

As R022 and the optional units are assessed through written reports, you will be required to work under controlled conditions. To help support you with this, there will be opportunities for visits from health, social care or early year's professionals, as well as studying in a practical and engaging environment.

**Career Information**

This option provides useful experience for those students who may be interested in a career in the caring professions (e.g. nursing, social work, residential and child care).

**Progression**

This course provides a useful, but not essential, qualification for students who wish to progress to level 2 or 3 vocational qualifications such as the Level 3 Cambridge Technical in Health and Social Care or AS/A levels in Health and Social Care.

For further information about this course, please see Miss Wiltshire.