

KEY STAGE 4

Students will follow the BTEC Tech Award in Health & Social Care specification.

The qualification consists of three components that give learners the opportunity to develop broad knowledge and understanding of health and social care at Levels 1 and 2. In Unit 1, they will investigate how, in real situations, human development is affected by different factors and how people deal differently with life events. In Unit 2, students will study and practically explore health and social care services and how they meet the needs of real service users. They also develop skills in applying care values. In Unit 3, students will study the factors that affect health and wellbeing, learn about physiological and lifestyle indicators, and how to design a health and wellbeing improvement plan.

Units 1 & 2 are assessed through internal assessment which applies the concepts they have learnt with the units, through realistic tasks and activities. Unit 3 is assessed externally, requiring learners to assess an individual's health and wellbeing and use this assessment to create a health and wellbeing improvement plan.

Students will be encouraged to extend their learning through practical applications in their own lives. Opportunities for volunteering within the health and social care sector are encouraged to further develop the students' skills and provide additional understanding expected at higher levels. Students would also benefit from independent research into local provision and changing legislation within the field, to allow them to sufficiently evaluate the impact of provision, required for higher grades.