

ST MARY'S COLLEGE



INTRODUCTION

A GCSE in Health and Social Care is a nationally recognised work-related qualification, which will provide you with a choice of routes into further education or employment.

A GCSE in Health and Social care is a double award; on successful completion you will be awarded two GCSEs. The grades will be the combined results for each of the three units. These will be awarded as A*A* through to GG depending on how well you have done in each of your three units.

Content

Module	Assessment
UNIT 1 Health, Social Care and Early Years Provision The care industry is split into three areas, health care, social care, and early years care. You will look at what each of the services does and how they work together to provide care for different people. You will also explore the different job roles within the care industry.	Portfolio work
UNIT 2 Promoting Health and Well Being. This unit will help you to look after your own health and well-being and understand ways of helping others. There are many things that affect people's health and well-being from a balanced diet and exercise to having an interesting job. You will learn how to recognise poor health and well-being and how to put it right.	Portfolio work
UNIT3 Understanding Personal Development and Relationships. As people get older they change. They grow in size, they change physically and they change the way they think and act. You will find out about the different stages and the things that affect growth and development. You will look at different relationships that people have, for example family and how people are changed by the birth of a baby.	Exam

Entry requirements

You do not need to have studied Health and Social Care before starting the GCSE, but we do ask that you have a genuine interest in the subject and show commitment to your studies. We require a willingness to explore new ideas and an ability to communicate your ideas effectively.

How is the course assessed?

During the course you will carry out a number of assignments based on Units 1 and 2. In Unit 2 for example, you will be asked to produce a health plan. The health plan could be for an elderly relative, or a friend who is training for a sports event.

After completing your assignment your teacher will mark your work. During the course you will build up a folder (portfolio) containing your work for Units 1 and 2. This portfolio will count towards your final grade.

As part of your course you will take a written exam paper based on Unit 3, this will be set and marked by the exam board Edexcel. The mark for your written exam will also count towards your final grade.

Progression routes

Students gaining a GCSE in Health and Social Care will have access to a range of career and further education opportunities. You will use a variety of skills throughout the course including research and interpreting your findings in different ways, and identifying and developing links between different parts of the subject. Employers and colleges value these skills.

The GCSE in Health and Social Care is a good starting point for jobs in the care services such as care assistant, nursing, social work or primary school teaching. If you wish to continue studying Health and Social Care you may progress to a single or double award A-Level

Further Information

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