

Single Award Health and Social Care

Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol Dwyrad

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Examination Board WJEC

Overview of Course Content

A vocational related GCSE in Health and Social Care which encourages learners to be inspired and engaged to become independent learners. Health and Social Care students are always striving to support the needs of people in the community, e.g. the elderly and children.

The course will help students to understand aspects of the development of the whole person from childhood to adulthood. We are specifically looking at ways to improve our own health through problem solving techniques and by examining issues which affect the quality of human life, e.g. diet, genetics, physical activity and illness.

This subject cannot be studied in conjunction with Child Development.

Summary of assessment

There are two units of assessment over two years - one piece of coursework worth 60% and one examination unit with a 1½ hour written exam worth 40%.

Unit 1 - Health and Social Care and Children's Services (Year 11)

This is worth 60% of the course and will involve organised local visits to learn about how children and adolescents are cared for in the community. The role of care workers, social workers and how young people are supported to meet their potential is also investigated. Pupils undertake research in our local area to see what services are available for adolescents. This coursework will require students to visit local children's centres as part of the research element.

Unit 2 - Human Growth and Development (Year 10)

This is an examined unit which will be carried out in Year 10. It teaches pupils about the different ways people grow and develop during their lives, from infancy to later adulthood. Students will investigate factors that affect health, e.g. diet, exercise, illness, relationships, neglect, cultural and racial diversity. This will involve guest speakers from social services and the health services to extend students' thinking within a real life context. Students will also learn about life changes and who can support people through difficult times, e.g. family, professional carers and voluntary organisations.

Learning Pathways post 16

Students interested in careers with children, teaching, nursery nursing, care work, social work or nursing would find this course particularly valuable and rewarding. It also leads to the further study of Health and Social Care at Level 3.