



Guilsborough Academy Sixth Form

KS5 CURRICULUM

Course Title: **BTEC Health and Social Care**

Examination Board: Pearson/Edexcel

Entry Requirements: Please see Entry Requirements in the Application Form.

Assessment: Health and Social Care is assessed by both internal assessment (50%) and external assessment (50%). Students study two units in year one, and two units in year 2. These are internally assessed, and then moderated externally.

Is This Course Right For Me?

Firstly, you need to be a highly organised individual. The nature of the course requires that you are able to work independently, organise your time appropriately to meet deadlines, and be able to research and synthesise information from a number of sources. You will need to be highly committed to study in order to achieve at the highest level in this course.

Example of university courses and grades required

- **University of Birmingham:** BA (Hons) Social Work: ABB.
- **University of Chester:** BA (Hons) Health and Social Care: BBB-BBC.
- **Anglia Ruskin University:** Bsc (Hons) Child Nursing: BBC.
- **University of Brighton:** Bsc (Hons) Midwifery: BBB.

Unit Contents:

Unit 1: Human Lifespan Development (exam)

This unit aims to develop knowledge and understanding of patterns of human growth and development through the different life stages. The unit covers physical, intellectual, emotional and social development, also looking at factors affecting development and the effects of ageing.

Unit 2: Working in Health and Social Care (exam)

This unit gives students an understanding of what it is like to work in the health and social care sector, and some of the key roles and responsibilities such as safety, safeguarding and preventing discrimination. Students will learn about how services are provided and potential barriers that may prevent people from getting the services they need.

Unit 5: Meeting individual care and support needs

This unit focuses on the principles and practicalities that underpin meeting an individual's care and support needs, which are the foundation of all the care disciplines. The unit examines factors which affect care and support and the challenges to be overcome in order to meet the needs of all individuals.

Unit 11: Psychological Perspectives in Health and Social Care

This unit aims to enable learners to understand psychological approaches and apply them to Health and Social care services. Students will explore cognitive, social and behavioural impacts on the service user and be able to evaluate them

Progression:

Health and Social Care can be the first step into a career as a healthcare practitioner in areas such as mental health or adult nursing, midwifery, paediatric nursing, health visitor, or as a healthcare assistant. It is also a valuable course for anyone who wishes to pursue a career as a paramedic, or as a childcare practitioner. Health and Social Care is especially useful in fields that are 'people-oriented' – such as counselling, youth worker, family support worker, welfare adviser, policing, teaching... the list goes on!

Further Information Contact:

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