

Year 10&11 - Why do we study Health and Social Care?

We study health and social care to acquire the knowledge, understanding and technical skills which can lead to vocational and academic futures within the health and social care sector. The curriculum is designed to be dynamic and fluid, aiming to build upon prior learning whilst introducing new ideas and concepts to facilitate a deeper understanding of the subject and the opportunities that available beyond the classroom. Around 3 million people work in health and social care and together they account for nearly 1 in 10 of all paid jobs in the UK. Demand for both health and social care is likely to rise, so they will continue to play a key role in UK society and the demand for people to carry out these vital roles will increase. Therefore, it is more important than ever to facilitate a competent and skills driven future workforce to meet this demand.

What: You will learn the different life stages and how people are viewed holistically through their physical, intellectual, emotional and social needs and how different factors that impact these needs can affect overall health and wellbeing. You will have a working knowledge of the care values which underpin good quality care and how these can be applied in care situations to promote inclusivity with a range of service users who have differing needs. You will understand how different life events, life style choices, and other factors can impact health and how these can be monitored as a preventative measure to reduce the probability of long term health problems.

Why now: Regular use of real-life case studies encourages the interlinking of theory and its practical application. Collaborative group work allows you to examine current issues in care whilst exploring your own values, attitudes, beliefs and how these could influence your decision-making process in care situations. It also provides the opportunity practise communicating expertly to promote inclusivity and move forward as a group to find a mutually satisfying solution which acts upon the best interests of the service user.

