

Health & Social Care

The health and social care sector employs some of the most talented and brilliant people the country has to offer. The NHS, as the main employer, has a continual need for doctors, nurses, ambulance staff and support staff, and there are further opportunities to work for the NHS in social care, in hospitals, educational settings and residential homes.

This subject offers a practical and relevant start if you are interested in a career in the caring professions. It is also a NEW subject for all of you!



Qualification: BTEC Tech Award
Examination Board: Pearson
Specification Code: 603/0395/5

Topics Covered

- Human Lifespan Development which looks at pregnancy, birth, infancy, early childhood, adolescence and adulthood.
- Health and Social Care Services - hospitals, GP surgeries, clinics, opticians, dentists, residential care homes.
- Health and Wellbeing - healthy eating, exercise, dangers of smoking, alcohol and smoking. How to produce a health plan and evaluate how successful it could be if there were no external factors to consider.

Assessment

Units 1 and 2 are both assessed by an assignment which is split into tasks and spread over Year 9 and 10. Unit 3 is assessed by controlled assessment which will involve you researching and then carrying out a task in class under supervision. This unit will be taught in Year 10 or 11.

Grades awarded: Distinction, Merit and Pass.

Course Progression

After following this course the following options are open to you here in Swanshurst Sixth Form:

- Complete a BTEC National Certificate in Year 12 and a Diploma in Year 13
- Complete a Child Care course (CACHE) Level 3 and become a nursery nurse/Child care practitioner.

Career Opportunities

A BTEC Tech Award in Health and Social Care can lead to junior level positions in a wide variety of career areas, including care homes, nursing, community work and counselling.

Alternatively it can act as a 'stepping stone' to Level 3 courses which can lead to even more career opportunities such as teaching, nursing, social work and many more.