

Entry Requirements:

Holy Family Sixth Form entry requirements apply, including passes in Maths and English. No prior study of the Health and Social Care sector is needed.

The Learning:

This qualification aims to provide an introduction to the Health and Social Care sector and is for students interested in learning about the sector as part of a balanced study programme. It is intended as an Applied General Qualification, and is equivalent in size to one A level. It supports access to a range of higher education courses, possibly in health and social care, if taken alongside further level 3 qualifications.

The content of this qualification has been developed in consultation with higher education to ensure it supports progression to further study. In addition, employers and professional bodies have been consulted to confirm that the content is also appropriate for those interested in working in the sector.

You will complete the following mandatory units:

- Human Lifespan Development
- Working in Health and Social Care
- Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs

You will also complete an optional unit in Year 13 that supports your progression to specialised degree programmes, and which covers the biological and sociological topics relevant to the different parts of the sector.

Throughout the course you will learn and develop invaluable communication techniques, as you gain confidence with presentation and interpretive skills. You will utilise reflection as you examine ethical principles and apply these to real life context. You will complete 2 external examinations and 2 internal assessments, all with the guidance of expert teachers who are passionate about the course and your experience.

What direction this course might take you in:

The Health and Social Care sector comprises two sub sectors; health and social care. Health care encompasses all hospital activities, medical nursing homes and GP services. The social care sector includes residential nursing care, domiciliary care and social work. Students are able to progress into work in the sector through degree programmes in nursing, midwifery, social work, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, pharmacy and many others! There are more than 300 distinct career paths in this sector. The sector is indeed a major employer, employing almost four million people across the UK.

The qualification is also useful for anyone looking at a career working with children, the elderly or people with disabilities.