GCSE Health and Social Care

Overview

GCSE Health and Social Care covers a diverse range of topics , looking at mental and physical human development across the life-cycle. It introduces pupils to concepts of intervention, prevention, and the health and social care services in Wales, and how they serve to promote and maintain health and wellbeing.

What will I study?

The course comprises of two units: 'Human Growth, Development and Well-being', and 'Promoting and Maintaining Health and Well-being'. Both provide practical and theoretical knowledge, and encourage discussion around the sustainability of care and support in Wales.

Pupils investigate and consider the factors that can affect health and wellbeing, particularly in the context of physical, intellectual, emotional, and social development, as well as the relationship between physical and mental health.

Assessment

The course is assessed through one written examination, and a non-examined controlled assessment.

Units	Content	Weight
Unit 1 - Human Growth, Development, and Well-being	• 1 hour 30 min written examination.	40%
Unit 2 - Promoting and Maintaining Health and Well-being	• Non-examined assessment. • Two tasks set by exam board. • Pupils to research tasks, prior to writing up report in a controlled assessment.	60%

Where can GCSE Health and Social Care take me?

GCSE Health and Social Care is a natural choice for any pupil looking to explore a career in the care sector - from nursing, to primary teacher, counsellor to social worker.

The course gives pupils a foundation to progress along a number of different pathways, including apprenticeships, vocational qualifications, and further academic studies.

Keywords from the course description: