

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE – BTEC TECH AWARD

This course gives students both an introduction to working in the Health and Social Care sector and an ideal foundation to progress onto more advanced qualifications in Health and Social Care at post-16 level. The BTEC Tech Award Level 1+2 in Health and Social Care will prepare students with sound, specialist knowledge, as well as skills crucial for the preparation of a career in the Health and Social Care or Early Years sector.

What careers are there in Health and Social Care?

Possible careers in the Health and Social Care Sector:

Nurse	Geriatrician	Housing / Homelessness Services
Midwife	Pediatrician	General Hospital Services
Mental Health Care	Chiropodist	Residential Care Staff
Nursery Nurse	Working in Sheltered	Child Protection
Special Educational Needs Teacher	Accommodation	Counseling
Primary Teacher	Foster Care	Dental Nurse
Care Assistant	Youth Offending Teams	Social Worker
Youth Worker	Counseling	Speech and Language Therapist
Environmental Health	Dietician / Nutritionist.	Day Centre staff
Complimentary Therapist	Occupational Therapist	Child and Family Support Services
Physiotherapist	Health Visitor	Paramedic

How can I progress from this qualification?

The BTEC Tech Award Level 1+2 in Health and Social Care can lead to a range of opportunities for further study at post-16 level. Here are some of the options available:

- The following 2 qualifications are offered for individuals who wish to continue studying Health and Social Care in 6th Form at George Stephenson High School:
 - **Cambridge Technical Level 3 Extended Certificate (Equivalent to 1 A level)**
 - **Cambridge Technical Level 3 Diploma (Equivalent to 2 A levels)**

We have an excellent success rate for helping our students to achieve well and get into the top universities for nursing and midwifery. Many other Health and Social Care students have gone on to studying teaching, psychology or social work (most common choices over last three years).

- Other Post-16 qualifications and pathways offered by other providers:
 - **BTEC Technical Level 2 in Health and Social Care** (for students who do not achieve the entry requirements for a level 3).
 - **BTEC National Level 3 in Health and Social Care CACHE*** (child care and development) level 3 qualification.
 - **Apprenticeship framework** (level 2+3).
 - **There are many other level 2 and 3 qualifications offered by BTEC, OCR or NCFE specialising in specific career paths in this sector.**

Please note that all students wanting to go into nursing (or similar areas of work) or teaching require a 4 or above grade in Maths and English at GCSE level. In the case of primary school teaching, a grade of 4 or above is also required in Science at GCSE level. Therefore, most level 3 qualifications will require this as part of the entry requirements).

How is the Health and Social Care BTEC Tech Award graded?

This qualification awards students the vocational equivalent of one GCSE Grade. All students take levels 1 and 2 of the BTEC simultaneously. Their final grade determines which of the levels they achieve. If a student achieves a level 2 pass or above, they will achieve both a level 1 and level 2 qualification. If they attain below a level 2 pass, they will achieve a level 1 qualification only. At both levels one and two students will be awarded either a Pass, Merit or Distinction. At level two students also have the opportunity to achieve a Level 2 Distinction Star (This is the highest grade).

What are the units of work?

Students will study three units of work over two years: two of the units are coursework and there is one examined unit. In coursework units, **all assessment decisions are subject to internal and external verification** before grading is awarded. For the exam unit, students must sit an externally assessed exam paper. Overall, 60% of the final grade is made up from coursework (made up of components 1 + 2) and 40% of the final mark is from the exam (component 3).

Units over the 2-year period:

Name of unit	Component 1: Human Lifespan Development	Component 2: Health and Social Care Services and Values	Component 3: Health and Wellbeing
Assessment	Internally assessed then externally verified (Coursework).	Internally assessed then externally verified (Coursework).	Externally assessed exam unit. This is a Two-hour paper. There are two opportunities to sit this exam in year 11. The best mark counts.
Worth	30% OF FINAL GRADE	30% OF FINAL GRADE	40% OF FINAL GRADE

Prepared for success?

Students must be aware that this qualification has **a lot of coursework over two years**. Students must be prepared, from the start, to be organised and adhere to the strict rules of BTEC, with regards to **submitting coursework on time**. Once deadlines have been planned with BTEC, staff cannot change them internally. Late work cannot be accepted unless there is evidence of mitigated circumstances. Students must understand that all coursework that is produced from the first day counts towards their final grade.

The Health Science Department, which delivers the BTEC Tech Award in Health and Social Care, prides itself on being supportive and having very high expectations of all students. Over the last three years, it has achieved some of the highest results nationally for this qualification.