Child Development (Vocational)

Information from the exam board can be found here.

Grades awarded: Level 2 Distinction* – Level 1 Pass

Why study this subject?

This is a great subject to choose if you are wanting to go into healthcare, social care or an early years career. This course covers many of the essential skills and attributes needed to work in a professional caring setting

What will I study in this course?

- Pre-conception health, reproduction, pregnancy & finally care after birth
- How to care for illness and creating a safe environment
- Choosing suitable equipment for a childcare setting
- Plan, make, and evaluate a nutritional meal
- Observe the development of a child
- Plan and evaluate a play activity for a child to support their development

How will I be assessed?

There are 3 units in total, 1 exam unit and 2 coursework units (NEAs). The exam is a terminal exam sat at the end of Y11. Each of the NEAs are task-based assessments. Often the tasks require you to carry out research for example, which piece of equipment is best? Occasionally there will be practical tasks for example, make a meal or observe a child. These require your teacher to observe you completing the task. Your grade will be based on how well you do the tasks and how much detail you put into your explanation.

What will this qualification lead to?

As Child Development provides a foundational understanding of *care* this course will be a good starting point for careers working in healthcare, social care and early years careers.

Appropriate choices for Sixth Form courses would include:

- Health and Social Care (vocational)
- A level sociology, psychology
- A levels in science (especially biology)

How is the course structured?

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 9	Relationships Biology	Development milestones Pregnancy	Care professionals Nursery Project
Year 10	Choosing Equipment Planning a safe setting	Make and evaluate a meal **Improve and submit NEA1**	Pre-conception and caring for children Research development norms
Year 11	Observe a child Plan a play activity	**Improve and submit NEA 2** Checks and tests in pregnancy	Revision (exam content) **External exam**

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