

Next steps!

If you are interested in studying the GCSE in Health and Social Care you should start to find out more about the subject by:

- talking to the Head of Health and Social Care at your school who will be able to describe the course in detail and advise you of what you need to do next when it comes to your options
- looking on the Edexcel website (www.edexcel.com/gcse2009) where there is a lot of useful information about what you will be studying and how you will be assessed.

Health & Social Care Question:

At what age does the brain stop growing?

Health & Social Care Answer:

(c) Eighteen years old

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STUDENT GUIDE

Is this the right subject for me?

If you're interested in working with people, or want to care for and help others this may be the course for you. Our GCSE course gives you the background knowledge and skills needed by anyone considering working with people.

You will:

- learn through investigation
- develop knowledge and understanding about health, social care and early years
- complete practical work
- learn about and understand the world you live in
- be able to design a health plan
- research occupations you may want to work in.

What do I need to know, or be able to do, before taking this course?

This will be a new subject for most students. The course is vocationally based and after studying our GCSE you will have some understanding of working in health, social care and early years. You will already have studied a number of relevant issues in Key Stage 3 in your PHSCE or Citizenship courses. You will be able to build on this knowledge and develop your skills.

What will I learn?

The course has the following four units.

Unit 1

This unit helps you understand how people grow and develop, as well as the personal relationships people have during their lives. You will look at how people progress from birth right through to later adulthood. This knowledge will help you to understand others and help you understand yourself.

Unit 2

This unit is based on an investigation into the needs of one person and how health, social care and early years organisations meet those needs. You will select the person you study and conduct all the research yourself.

Unit 3

This unit focuses on what it means to be healthy, the factors that affect health and wellbeing, and how health is measured. You will design a health plan for an individual.

Unit 4

This unit combines all the things you have studied in the previous units. The aim is for you to develop an in-depth understanding of the core principles needed to work with other practitioners and service users.



Health & Social Care Question:

At what age does the brain stop growing?

- (a) One year old (b) Five years old
(c) Eighteen years old (d) Thirty years old

How will I be assessed?

Single Award Examination & Coursework	Double Award Examination & Coursework
You will complete 2 out of the four units. It's 60% coursework & 40% exam You will be able to complete two units in a year. This means that all the assessment is based on work you have carried out recently. You will have the opportunity to resit external examinations and re-work your portfolio if necessary.	You will complete all 4 units. It's 60% coursework & 40% exam You will be able to complete two units in a year. This means that all the assessment is based on work you have carried out recently. You will have the opportunity to resit external examinations and re-work your portfolio if necessary.

What can I do after I've completed the course?

This course is ideal preparation for progression to more detailed study of health, social care and early years.

After this course you can continue your studies in one of the following ways:

- an A Level course
- a BTEC National qualification
- a 14-19 Diploma in Society, Health and Development.

Some students may complete the course and progress to working or training in a specialised area within the health, social care and early years field.

