

## **Health and Social Care Curriculum Intent**

### ***Statement One***

The Health and Social Care subject area is committed to providing relevant and challenging vocational courses. We are able to offer three programmes which enable students to study the equivalent of one, two or three GCE levels. The subject area will deliver the course via a variety of methods, but be proud to offer superb links with industry and higher education providers.

The students will be expected to demonstrate their ability as independent learners, and they will be able to express these skills through their challenging learning objectives as set by the OCR course. However, the students can also expect high levels of support and scaffolding from their contact time in lessons to support both their coursework portfolios as well as their examined components.

In addition to contact time in lessons, students will be encouraged to seek extra help if they need support or to access the numerous extension materials and industry relevant resources. The subject area aims to not only deliver the best possible curriculum but also to ensure that students are motivated to carry on the subject once they leave the Academy; whether this be workplace apprenticeships, training or relevant degree courses. We will help to achieve this through the regular contact with industry and workplace links that we have spent many years establishing. The course will be delivered in a modular fashion and students will be required to take more of the examined components in year one. The rationale for this is to enable resit opportunities if they are required but more importantly to build learner confidence in their final grade possibilities. The subject area aims to assess and support the progression of its students through the monitoring of the Learning Objectives as set by OCR providing guidance when criteria has not met the threshold. Assessment and progression for the examined components will be set through weekly homework questions and in class timed assessments.

### ***Statement Two***

Through the study of Health and Social Care, students are offered a wide range of relevant units of study. These units are relevant in many aspects of employment within the health and social care industry and students will also gain a thorough understanding of content ranging from Effective Communication, Anatomy and Physiology, as well as Equality Rights and Diversity. In addition, an appreciation of the importance of our nations health and well being underpins a great deal of what we do.

We believe that learning should be placed within a current framework of discussion and debate and should involve a high level of independent learning from the students. In addition, we believe that we should share our enthusiasm for the subject. Understandably, the key word to consider when contemplating a career in this sector is 'care'. Students who choose to work in this sector truly care about helping other people. Without that level of concern and desire to make a difference, it is impossible to succeed in the health and social care world. With this in mind we hope our students find the inspiration they need for a fulfilling career.

