

## **AS/ A Level Health and Social Care**

The AS and A level in Health and Social Care encourages pupils to:

- Develop and sustain an interest in health, early years care and education, social care and issues affecting the care sector.
- Acquire knowledge and understanding of health, early years care and education and issues affecting the health and social care sector.
- Develop skills that will enable them to make an effective contribution to the care sector including skills of research, evaluation and problem solving in a work related context.
- Apply knowledge, understanding and skills.
- Prepare for further study and training.

### **AS Level**

**There are two units:**

Unit	Title	Assessment	Weighting
1	Promoting Quality Care	External Examination	40%
2	Promoting Good Health	Internal Coursework	60%

### **Unit 1: Promoting Quality Care and Communication**

This AS unit is a mandatory unit that will be externally assessed. The unit introduces candidates to factors affecting the quality of life. The care principles, skills and techniques required by both formal and informal carers to treat individuals well within a range of care settings. This unit provides a basis for the understanding and application of other units.

The content of this unit includes:

- Factors affecting the quality of life of individuals
- Principles of care
- Caring skills and techniques
- Communication
- Barriers to communication and quality care
- Rights and responsibilities of providers and individuals

### **Unit 2: Promoting Good Health**

This AS unit is a mandatory unit that will be internally assessed. This unit will enable candidates to gain knowledge and understanding of the factors that influence an individual's health and well-being, and how recent government initiatives promote good health.

The content of this unit includes:

- Perspectives of health and well-being
- Factors that affect health and well-being
- Preventative measures to avoid ill health
- Job roles of key workers in Health Promotion
- Techniques used within Health Promotion

### **A Level**

At A Level there are further two units.

Unit	Title	Assessment	Weighting
7	Provision of Health, Social Care and Children's Service	External Examination	40%
9	Working in Health and Social Care	Internal Coursework	60%

### **Unit 7: Provision of Health, Social Care and Children's Service**

This A2 unit is a mandatory unit that will be externally assessed. In this unit, candidates will need to study the main health, social care and children's services to meet individual needs. The content of the unit includes:

- Service provision in the local area
- Meeting individual needs
- Practitioner roles within multi-disciplinary teams
- Quality assurance procedures
- Effects of national policy and legislation on service provision

### **Unit 9: Working in Health and Social Care**

This A2 unit is an optional unit that will be internally assessed.

The aim of this unit is to help candidates prepare for employment within the areas of health, social care and children's services. It will enable them to reflect on their own suitability for employment in different job roles and will also provide opportunities to build on their knowledge and understanding of caring skills/ techniques. The content of this unit includes:

- The main employment sectors in health, social care and children's services
- Job roles of practitioners
- The qualifications and skills needed by practitioners
- Caring skills and techniques to meet the needs of individuals

