

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 a caring profession working with people. We primarily learn about and discuss how to care for 0-5 year olds but the knowledge, understanding and skills learned will apply equally to other age ranges.

What will I study in this course?

- ▶ Factors that affect the health and well-being of a child
- ▶ Discovering and practising post-natal checks (e.g. APGAR)
- ▶ Investigating the equipment used with children
- ▶ Planning for the nutritional needs of a child considering a balancing diet
- ▶ Studying the development of a child from birth to five years
- ▶ How to effectively deliver play activities



How will I be assessed?

This course is assessed by an external exam (50%) and coursework (50%). The exam content is covered in the first year and students will sit the exam at the end of Year 10. The second year of the course includes two units which are both coursework based. In the coursework units, students study a topic and complete assessments as they work through the unit. The total points from all of the pieces of coursework determine the overall grade for each coursework unit.



What will this qualification lead to?

This course will be a good foundation for careers working with children for example an Early Years Worker or Teacher. It could also lead to work in Social Services.

Appropriate choices for Sixth Form courses would include:

- Health and Social Care (OCR National Level 3)
- Sociology / Psychology (A levels)

How is the course structured?

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 9	Relationships Biology	Development milestones Pregnancy	Care professionals Development theories
Year 10	Conception and Pregnancy Antenatal classes and birth	Postnatal checks and provision Health and childhood illnesses	Child safety External Examination
Year 11	Choosing equipment for a baby's 1 st year Choosing equipment for 1-5yr olds	Nutritional guidelines and feeding solutions Child development norms	Benefits of play and planning activities Evaluating and observing activities

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