

# Health & Social Care (OCR)

Health and Social Care promotes the understanding of many important issues faced within today's health and social care systems. It is an academic subject that equips students with the knowledge and skills necessary for further study and work in the health, social care and early years sectors.

Health and Social Care at MC6 covers key areas such as legislation, care values, effective communication, barriers that people in society may face, major life changes and their effects on people's self-esteem.

## Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at grade 4/5 including English Language and Maths.

## Where can the subject lead?

This qualification will provide you with the skills, knowledge and understanding to progress into employment in the Health & Social Care sector through higher education, apprenticeships or directly into work.

About 3 million people work in health and social care in the UK. Health care roles include doctors, pharmacists, nurses, midwives and healthcare assistants, while social care roles include care assistants, occupational therapists, counsellors and administrators. Together, they account for nearly one in ten of all paid jobs available in the UK. Demand for both health and social care is likely to rise as people live longer lives. Therefore, Health and Social Care will continue to play a key role in UK society and the demand for people to carry out these vital roles will increase.



## The below information gives you a flavour of what you will study in Health & Social Care

### What will I study?

#### Year 1

##### Building Positive Relationships in Health & Social care

- The many different relationships encountered within the health and social care sector and the development of effective communication skills.
- Whether with colleagues, senior members of staff, other professionals within the sector or individuals who require care and support.

##### Equality, Diversity & Rights

- The implications of diversity on practice and the effects of discriminatory practice on individuals who require care or support.
- How legislation and national influence can support and promote anti-discriminatory practice.

##### Health, Safety & Security in Health & Social Care

- The skills needed to maintain a safe working environment for colleagues and individuals who require care and support.
- How legislation, policies and procedures work to reduce risks in health and social care and the consequences of not following them.
- How to respond to different incidents and emergencies in health and social care settings.

#### Year 2

##### Anatomy & Physiology for Health & Social Care

- The basic structure and functions of the body systems involved in everyday activities and maintenance of health, including cardiovascular, respiratory and digestive systems.
- The systems and involved in detecting and responding to change such as the pancreas, liver, kidney and the nervous system as well as the eyes and ear.

