

# EDUCATION EVOLVED

## Health & Social Care

### What is the proportion of exam to coursework in certificate and diploma?

The extended certificate is 60% examined and 40% coursework (3 units of each but a higher weighting for the exam units) The diploma is 46% examined and 54% coursework (5 exam units and 7 coursework units) The exams are spread across the two years of the course.

### What is the difference between the certificate and the diploma?

The extended certificate is equivalent to 1 A-level and takes up one of your choices at St Brendon's. The Diploma is equivalent to 2 A-levels and takes up two choices, so you will just choose one other subject alongside the Diploma.

### What other subjects go well with this?

Any subjects can be taken alongside Health and Social Care, however the most appropriate include psychology, sociology, biology and sports science. What you choose alongside will partly depend on your career plan and of course your interests and strengths.

### Where can it lead - what career paths will this suit?

Health and social care can lead to any careers within the health and social care sector, or indeed outside the sector too as it carries a lot of transferrable skills. Careers that people commonly go into include health care roles such as nursing, midwifery, healthcare assistants, occupational therapy, radiology and social work and other related areas such as childcare, education and public services. You can progress to other university courses as the qualifications are equivalent in UCAS points to A-levels. It is important to check university admissions criteria for specific courses as some require certain subjects to be taken alongside your health and social care qualifications.

### Is it suitable if I want to be a teacher?

If you would like to be a teacher then health and social care is a good choice, however you will probably need to take a national curriculum subject as your third option, especially if you are going to train as a secondary school teacher.

### What size classes will I be taught in?

Class size will usually be about 24 in most cases.

### Do I need IT skills and a computer at home?

Due to the coursework requirements of the course, you will need to be able to use a computer to type up your assignments. You will need to have computer access at home so that work can be completed in your own time.

### What are the entry requirements of the courses?

The entry requirements of the course are set out in the college admissions policies. However for health and social care it is important to understand that there is a high level of coursework involved, and so your

English skills need to be of a good standard, and there is also a science element to the course including an examined anatomy and physiology unit.

#### What units and topics will I cover? and which units are examined?

For the extended certificate we cover Equality and Diversity (exam), Anatomy and Physiology (exam), Building Positive Relationships (coursework), Supporting People with Learning Disabilities (coursework), Nutrition for Health and Social Care (coursework) and Health and Safety (exam).

The diploma course covers the same units and in addition we cover Infection Control (coursework), Personalisation (coursework), The Impact of Long-term Physiological Disorders (coursework), Promoting Health and Wellbeing (coursework), Safeguarding (exam) and Sexual Health (coursework)

There may be slight alterations to these unit lists.

#### What if I don't get the entry requirements for the level 3 courses?

If you do not achieve the requirements for the level 3 courses then you can take Health and Social Care at Access to Level 3. This is a one year course that can lead on to Level 3 on successful completion of the course.