

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE DEPARTMENT

The Health and Social Care Department is part of the International Communications Faculty, which also includes the Modern Languages Department and the Information Technology Department.

The faculty comprises 18 members of staff including the Head of Faculty, Head of Business Studies and Economics (Deputy Head of Faculty for Learning and Teaching), Head of ICT (Deputy Head of Faculty for Assessment for Learning), and Head of Modern Foreign Languages.

The new member of staff will be given support and guidance by the Quality Nominee for Btec and the Head of Faculty in the International Communications Faculty. The content of Health and Social Care teaching is dictated primarily by examination specifications and for this reason, our teachers are encouraged to attend courses run by examiners. The schemes of work used at KS4 and KS5 Health and Social Care Btec are based on examination requirements and are available in the departmental handbook. The department currently teaches Edexcel Health & Social Care Btec Level 2 at GCSE and Level 3 at KS5.

There are new textbooks, primarily those nominated by examining bodies or written by examiners. The departmental rooms have computer-linked ceiling projectors and access to computer suites which enhance learning opportunities and primary use of facilities in the sixth form centre as well as two teaching rooms within the main school building.

The Head of the Health and Social Care Department works closely with the Head of Faculty to ensure a coherent approach to Learning and Teaching and Assessment for Learning as well as advising the Head of Faculty on the deployment of staff and budgetary requirements for the Department in line with Whole School Policies.

It is the responsibility of the Head of Department to ensure that Schemes of Work are updated on a regular basis and to manage examination entries for both KS4 and KS5. The Head of Department is responsible for internally verifying student work, completing and updating the department assessment plan, liaising with the external standards verifier and marking Btec coursework under the new 2016 specification.

The Head of Department is involved in Performance Management for all staff within the department.

The International Communications Faculty and the Health and Social Care Department are fully committed to the professional development of the individuals within the team and opportunities are provided to ensure this takes place. We offer a valuable opportunity to contribute towards team objectives whilst being supported and encouraged by experienced staff. The Health and Social Care Department is growing and becoming more popular at GCSE and KS5. Collaboration between professionals is encouraged and considered part of our normal working practice.

The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding our students against radicalisation and extremism and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.