



HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE DEPARTMENT PROFILE

Coloma has a small but significant health and social care department which is deeply committed to vocational education. Traditional classroom teaching is combined with a well organised work experience programme to provide students with the knowledge, understanding and skills required to work in the health and social care sector. Teachers have first-hand experience of the sector and/or a sound grounding in social science, biology or physical education. The majority of our students go on to higher education and train as nurses, midwives, occupational therapists, social workers, paramedics or early years' practitioners.

Courses

We are currently offering the BTEC Level 3 National Diploma and the BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Key Stage 5. The courses are completed over two years in the Sixth Form.

Students pursuing the National Diploma (equivalent of two A-Levels) have 12 lessons per week; those studying the Extended Certificate (equivalent to one A-level) join these students for 6 lessons per week.

All students currently study the following units:

Unit 1 – Human Life Span Development	(External Assessment)
Unit 2 – Working in Health and Social Care	(External Assessment)
Unit 5 – Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs	(Internal Assessment)
Unit 11 – Psychological Perspectives	(Internal Assessment)

In addition, Diploma students study:

Unit 4 – Current Enquiries into Current Research in Health and Social Care	(Controlled Task)
Unit 6 – Work Experience in Health and Social Care	(Internal Assessment)
Unit 7 – Principles of Safe Practice in Health and Social Care	(Internal Assessment)
Unit 8 – Promoting Public Health	(Internal Assessment)

The department is well resourced. All lessons take place in an ICT suite so students can readily access the internet to research current issues in health and social care and work independently on a range of assignments. There is a set of the recommended textbooks in the classroom which students can access on line. We have also purchased Teachers' Packs, including schemes of work and lesson plans which can be adapted and personalised to meet our students' needs.

Health and Social Care is a dynamic subject at Coloma; our students leave school well-equipped and highly motivated to make a difference in their chosen careers.