



St Benedict's Catholic High School Sixth Form



BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health & Social Care

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BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care

The **BTEC Level 3 Health and Social Care Extended Diploma** is an applied / vocational qualification. It will equip students with the essential skills and knowledge for a future career in the Health and Social Care sector. There are more than 300 distinct career paths in this sector, employing almost four million people across the UK. This qualification will give students opportunities to develop a range of skills and techniques, personal skills and attributes essential for successful performance in working life within this sector, as well as equipping them for Higher Education. This BTEC offers the chance to gain a qualification on a more practical level, both in the way the units are delivered and assessed, and in real-life work-based experience; this allows students to demonstrate their skill and knowledge in practical situations, and develop their IT, group work, presentation and communication skills.

The **BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care** is equivalent in size to 3 A levels. It is intended for students wanting to continue their education through applied learning and who aim to progress to Higher Education, and probably to employment in the Health and Social Care sector.

Everyone taking this qualification will study eight mandatory units, covering the following content areas:

- Anatomy and Physiology
- Human Lifespan Development
- Working in Health and Social Care
- Meeting Individual Support Needs
- Safe Practice
- Research
- Public Health
- Work Experience

Students are required to undertake a minimum of 100 hours work experience as part of the course, to develop a better understanding of the demands of the sector and for students to demonstrate their commitment and interest in the sector when applying for further study.

Students also take five optional units that relate to their chosen career pathway.

How will you be assessed?

Students will be assessed on each unit and will be awarded a pass, merit or distinction, which will then give the overall grade at the end of their studies. Four of the thirteen units are externally assessed and represent nearly 40% of the final grade.

Units 1 - 3 are all assessed by 1.5 hour examinations set and marked by the exam board (spread over the two years of the course):

- Unit 1 - Human Lifespan Development
- Unit 2 - Working in Health and Social Care
- Unit 3 - Anatomy and Physiology
- Unit 4 is a research task set and marked by the examination board; students have four weeks to gather evidence to complete the task, before sitting a three hour controlled assignment to write up the research

The remaining units will be made up of a number of assessments that are varied, challenging and relevant to a future in the Health and Social Care sector; these are internally set and externally moderated.

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What future opportunities will this course open for you?

Because the **BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care** is the main focus of a two year study programme of learning and is equivalent to 3 A levels, students will be fully prepared for a range of health and social care degree programmes. Students are able to progress into work in the sector through degree programmes in nursing, midwifery, paramedic science, social work, psychology, sociology, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, police force and teaching.

In addition to the sector-specific content, the requirements of the qualification will mean students develop the transferable and higher-order skills that are highly regarded by both Higher Education and employers.

How will you do it?

The BTEC will be taught using a mixture of interactive classroom teaching, discussion and reflection. Students will be expected to work independently but also as part of a team. Classroom learning will be reinforced by presenting evidence based on real-life work and work experience placements as well as studies, relevant to the Health and Social Care sector.

What is your commitment as a learner?

Health and Social Care students are expected to be enthusiastic about exploring the Health and Social Care sector, challenging them to work and interact within a very multicultural society. Their interest in the Health and Social Care sector should extend out of the classroom by reading around the subject and keeping up-to-date with current affairs and legislation.

Is there anything else you need to know?

This course is demanding and requires a good science background, preferably a grade B at GCSE. Students are required to undertake at least 100 hours of work experience across three different Health and Social Care settings, which will be fitted into their timetable. We give students the opportunity to take **extra qualifications in First Aid and Sign Language** and organise visiting speakers and visits to hospitals, universities, Health Care conferences and Health and Social Care careers events. Students must have a keen interest in the Health and Social Care sector and have a real interest or desire to explore this subject in their future studies or career.

All students will also complete an enrichment programme where they can choose from three options:

- Gold Arts Award
- Sports Leader Award
- Young Enterprise

Entry Requirements

Students taking BTEC will need to have achieved a minimum of Grade 4 or C at GCSE in four subjects, preferably including English Language and Maths. A Grade 5 or B at GCSE in Biology is preferable. No prior study of Health and Social Care is needed but will obviously be an advantage.

If a minimum of Grade 4 or C at GCSE is not achieved in English Language and Maths, provision will be made for students to re-take these subjects in Year 12.

In the event of the Sixth Form being over-subscribed, the St Benedict's Admissions Policy: 2018/2019 will be applied (see school website for details).

Applying for BTEC Plus

Should you require more information on this course, please contact Mr Smallman, our Head of Sixth Form, or Mrs Munford, Head of Health & Social Care, on 01789 767030; alternatively, email any queries to: sixthform@st-benedicts.org

Applications should be completed and returned with photo to the Sixth Form Office by Friday 9 February 2018.

University Recognition

BTEC Level 3 Diplomas are highly regarded by Higher Education institutions. Admissions to UK universities by BTEC students have risen year on year over recent years. 95% of colleges and universities offering Higher Education courses now accept BTEC students, including many Russell Group universities.

University offers may be based upon the final grades achieved by a student in their BTEC qualification, or alternatively they may be based on UCAS tariff points.

The table below illustrates the tariff points for 2019 university applications for the BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma (3 A Level equivalent):

Grade	UCAS tariff points
D*D*D*	168
D*D*D	160
D*DD	152
DDD	144
DDM	128
DMM	112
MMM	96
MMP	80
MPP	64
PPP	48