

‘Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social wellbeing and not merely the absence of disease’ (The World Health Organisation)

Health and Social Care at Newark Academy aims to provide students with the opportunities and experiences to develop a deep understanding of the broad range of services that make up the health, social care and childcare sectors that exist in the UK today. Our aim is for students to complete their course feeling knowledgeable, ambitious and keen to make a strong and positive contribution to the world around them.

The curriculum has been carefully constructed to ensure that students are engaged, challenged and inspired to pursue a career within the sector as they move into adulthood. Units of work have been carefully selected to broaden students’ knowledge whilst capturing their enthusiasm for the subject. These are built around the care values of promoting equality and diversity, maintaining confidentiality and promoting individual rights and beliefs. Assessments are carefully planned so that students are able to recall and retrieve key knowledge and opportunities to secure this knowledge are built into the application of the subject to real life situations.

All students will be encouraged to become experts in a variety of aspects within health and social care through exposure to topics such as development through the life stages, effective communication, body systems and disorders and basic first aid. A strong student-teacher relationship built around a respectful working environment and thoughtful questioning will be key in building trust and confidence when discussing sensitive issues within the classroom. Students will be able to draw upon their own experiences which will enable them to make links between the content of their lessons and how these relate to their lives. This will help empower our students to make positive life choices and to challenge what they view as unethical or discriminatory. We encourage students to challenge practice that they view as inappropriate within the sector and to make links between theory, legislation and practice.

Students will access a range of tools to secure their learning both in the classroom and through external opportunities such as work placements within the sector where learning can come to life. These will provide invaluable opportunities to cement learning and experience the sector first hand.

The school’s GREAT values are promoted within the subject, for example, the responsibility taken by the government to transform the safeguarding of vulnerable individuals, the excellence displayed through our unique National Health Service and the tenacity of professionals working within an overstretched and complex sector.

Health and Social Care offers crucial life skills given the inevitability of our students and their families accessing and encountering any one of the services that we study during their lifetime. By providing our students with the opportunity to study such a motivating and powerful curriculum, our students will leave Health and Social Care at Newark Academy fully equipped with the skills, knowledge and understanding to be a tenacious, effective and compassionate practitioner, ready to embark on further study, or a successful career in an expansive, diverse and exciting sector.