

## **Subject Department Rationale – Health and Social Care**

‘The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today’ - Carl Friedrich Gauss

About 3 million people in the UK work in health and social care, that is equivalent to 1 in every 10 people. Demand for both health and social care is likely to continue to rise due to the ageing population and current public health crisis, so it is sure to continue to play a key role in UK society. The demand for people to fill these vital jobs will continue to increase.

Our rationale is to provide a fluid and dynamic knowledge rich course, which gives learners access and progress to KS5 and beyond. We have chosen to deliver OCR Cambridge National Level 2 course at KS4 and OCR Cambridge Technical Level 3 at KS5. Both courses offer us the flexibility of a wide variety of units to choose from to suit the needs of our learners.

Students will learn the critical skills of communication, critical analysis, evaluation, decision making and problem solving. They will participate in practical and theory elements which will teach them to become independent learners and encourage self-confidence. The subject also lends itself well to encouraging learners to develop key transferable skills and knowledge such as self-evaluation and research skills. The course covers a range of client groups including children, adults and elderly giving students an insight to what it would be like to work with these groups. As part of the course students will learn and develop communication skills allowing them to effectively interact with clients both in formal and informal situations, gaining first-hand practical experience of this at both KS4 and 5, completing visits to Residential Care Homes and First Schools.