
Course highlights:

The course encourages learners to be inspired, moved and changed by following a fascinating course of study about the principles of child development. The principles are centred around the family and parenting; preparation for pregnancy and birth; physical, intellectual, emotional and social development; illness and child safety; nutrition and hygiene practices.

Learning styles used:

Students will develop the following skills:

- Planning, practical work and evaluation
- Investigation
- Research
- Selecting and justifying choices
- Communication including use of appropriate ICT to present information to an audience
- Analysis
- Team Skills and Independent learning

How is it assessed?

Unit 1 - Examined Unit

Students will learn about reproduction, parental responsibility, antenatal care, birth, postnatal checks, care, conditions for development, childhood illnesses and child safety.

Unit 2 - Centre Assessed Unit

Students will learn about the factors to be considered when choosing appropriate equipment to meet the needs of babies and young children. They will also learn about nutrition and hygiene practices and will be given the opportunity to evaluate dietary choices.

Unit 3 - Centre Assessed Unit

Students will learn about developmental norms in children up to the age of five. This unit will include researching, planning, carrying out activities with children and observing and reviewing these activities. They will also develop an understanding of the development norms and the benefits of play in child development.

Other Information:

For Unit 3 it is essential that students have access to a child aged less than 5 years in order to carry out the activities and observation.

You will need to take responsibility for the presentation of your work, completing your homework, research, organisation of lesson notes and centre assessed units, including the use of ICT.

We will help you to succeed by providing:

Lots of individual support, use of varied and exciting resources, teamwork – working with you to achieve a common aim: **your success!** Providing 'extra provision' sessions for support after school.

Providing clear guidance to support you in lessons, with exam work and centre assessed units.

Sixth form pathway

Child Development will allow you to progress to study 'A' Level Sociology or Health and Social Care at Fairfax, or similar college courses.

Careers available from this course:

Child Development can lead to career opportunities in teaching, teaching assistant roles, nursery nursing, nursing, child psychology, social work.

Employability Skills:

- Communication and literacy to be able to communicate learning in relevant ways for different audiences
- Team work to be able to discuss issues of concern, seeking resolution where needed
- Application of IT – to be able present work to a high standard and use to research key issues
- Problem solving to be able to explore issues, events or problems from different perspectives
- Self-management to be able to organise time and resources, prioritising actions

Course combinations

This course complements GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition and GCSE Science and PHSE.

Please see Miss Sanders (D4) to discuss this course.