

Child Development

KS4 Curriculum

What does this course involve at Key Stage 4? This vocational course is for learners who wish to develop their knowledge and practical skills in child development. It involves theory and practical elements and will prepare students for further qualifications in Child Care, Health and Social Care, Psychology, Sociology and Biology.

What do you need to be successful in this course? An interest in child development and possible careers in that area are very desirable. Good organisational skills are very useful in this course.

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During this three-year vocational course, you will study three mandatory topics:

- **Health and well-being for child development:**
This topic of study underpins all of the other learning in this qualification. Students will develop the essential knowledge and understanding in child development, covering reproduction, parental responsibility, antenatal care, birth, postnatal checks, postnatal provision, conditions for development, childhood illnesses and child safety.
- **Understand the equipment and nutritional needs of children from birth to five years**
Students will gain knowledge of the equipment needs of babies and young children and how to choose appropriate equipment to meet all of these needs. This topic also covers nutrition and hygiene practices. For this unit, students investigate feeding solutions, comparing these to nutritional requirements and evaluating the outcomes.
- **Understand the development norms of a child from birth to five years**
Students learn about healthy development from birth to age five and the stages and benefits of play. Students will learn how to research, plan and carry out activities with a child as well as how to observe and evaluate the outcomes of the activities.

How will you be assessed?

There is one written examination of 1 hour and 15 minutes, worth 50% of the final grade.

There are two pieces of coursework, each worth 25% of the grade, completed during Year 10

The written examination will be taken in January of Year 11.

The qualification is awarded on the following scale:

- **Level 2:** Distinction *; Distinction; Merit; Pass
- **Level 1:** Distinction; Merit; Pass

