**BTEC Level 2 Tech Award in Health & Social Care**

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**Why study BTEC Level 2 Tech Award in Health & Social Care?**

This course focuses on the factors that contribute to our individual health and development throughout our life span. You will investigate how humans develop from infancy to later adulthood. You will learn that being healthy is not just being physically healthy but also includes our emotional, social and intellectual health. In our society people often need to be cared for. This includes children and the elderly but also those who may be vulnerable due to illness, disabilities, abuse or neglect. You will also learn about how health and social services are provided in England and the care values that underpin the provision of care. You will also study the factors that can affect our health and wellbeing, learning about physiological and lifestyle indicators. You will learn how to do specific health measurements and put together a health plan for specific individuals. During this course, students will gain the knowledge, understanding and competency needed when considering employment in the health and social care sector. Students will learn about the essential skills crucial to this area of study. Possible career choices are social work, nursing, early year’s professions such as nursery nurse, plus other health related professions – ambulance care assistant, hospital, play staff.

**What does the course involve?**

The Tech Award consists of 3 components of study.

**Component**

* **1** **–** Human Lifespan Development
* **2 –** Health and Social Care Services and Values
* **3 –** Health and Wellbeing

**How will I be assessed?**

Components 1 and 2 are assessed through internally assessed written course work assignments. The assessments will focus on a pre-released assignment and students will complete a number of tasks within a 6 hour assessment period. Component 3 is assessed through a 2 hour externally set examination.

**What are my progression routes?**

If students achieve an overall pass grade or better in the BTEC Tech Award in Health and Social Care, it may be possible for students to progress in an area of health and social care employment and follow an apprenticeship. If you have good levels of literacy and numeracy and have gained three or four GCSE Level 5 grades in other subjects, you could move on to a higher level qualification such as a Level 3 BTEC National in Health and Social Care.