WBS – GCSE PREFERENCE INFORMATION 2026 - 2028

CAMBRIDGE NATIONALS: HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Examining Board: OCR

Subject Leader: Mr Black

Teacher: Mrs Hennessy

Course Overview:

The Cambridge National in Health and Social Care introduces students to the specialist knowledge and skills needed to work in various health and social care settings. Underpinning the qualification is a focus on core values and communicating with individuals, to maintain their dignity and sense of being valued.

You will study essential values of care for use with individuals in a range of care settings. Different ways of communicating, working and supporting individuals and professionals within health, social care and early years settings. Also, the different careers pathways within the health, social care and early years settings.

Units we will cover:
R032: Principles of care in health and social care: In this unit, students will learn about the importance of the rights of service users, person-centred values and how to apply them.
R033: Supporting individuals through life events: In this unit, students will learn about life stages and the factors that affect them. They will understand expected and unexpected life events and the impact they will have on physical, social/emotional and socio-economic aspects in an individual's life.
R035: Health promotion campaigns: In this unit, students will have the opportunity to explore the various public health challenges the country faces, the approaches used to encourage health and wellbeing and the importance of this to society.

Careers could involve:

- Physiotherapy
- Working in early year settings
- Teacher (primary / secondary)
- Social care worker
- Mental health counsellor / nurse
- Safeguarding officers / leads
- Adult care worker
- Allied Health Profession Support
- Health and Social Care teacher
- Healthcare science assistant
- Maternity and Paediatric Support

About the Exam and/or Non-examined Assessment (NEA):

2 internally assessed coursework units (NEA) and 1 external exam.

- Year 10: NEA - Supporting Individuals through life events
- Year 10/11: NEA - Health Promotion Campaign
- Year 11: Exam - Principles of care in Health and Social Care