

13th March 2026



Dear Applicant,

BTEC National Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care - Update

We have been informed by the Government that they are continuing to fund the above qualification. I am delighted to be able to offer you this course in September rather than the separate courses offered on our application form, which are - BTEC HSC single; Applied Mental Health; BTEC Medical Science single (our Health Pathway).

The BTEC triple Health and Social Care course is equivalent to 3 A levels and is recognised by universities for degrees in nursing, midwifery, social work, and occupational therapy to name a few, as well as providing a solid foundation for immediate employment in roles like a care assistant or support worker. The curriculum focuses on essential skills for the sector, including communication, empathy, safeguarding, and understanding legal/regulatory frameworks as well as offering students crucial hands-on, real-world experience, requiring a mandatory 100-hour work placement in a care setting.

We have been teaching the BTEC Health and Social Care triple for many years and have an excellent track record supporting students to successfully progress onto a variety of degree courses/apprenticeships. The entry requirements are:

- BTEC Ext Diploma in Health and Social Care you need five GCSEs at Grade 4 and above including English and Maths and preferably a science subject

If you would like to transfer or be considered for this course please **email me by 23rd March** to confirm your interest in a place.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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