



GCSE Child Development

Who is this course for?

Anyone with an interest in children, who would like to work with children and develop the skills and understanding of children and their development in a diverse society.

The skills and knowledge acquired will be relevant and transferrable to other settings, enhancing career opportunities and provide a satisfying and enjoyable course of study for those students who may or may not progress to further study of the subject.

What are the entry criteria?

The college has set criteria for entry onto level 2 courses.

The Child Development department at Wyke Sixth Form College

The child development courses are part of the Health and Social Care department. There is a suite of rooms and one is used for Child Development along with a computer room for coursework lessons. The department has a set of text books to use in the classroom and the library is well stocked in a variety of Child Development books to borrow.

There is one teacher for the course. Michele Tong (Head of Child Development and BTEC Level 2 Health and Social Care).

Exam Board

AQA

Course Details

Unit 1: Written paper (exam) 1 hour 30 minutes 100 marks - 40%

Unit 2: Research Task 30 marks - 20%

Unit 3: Child study 60 marks - 40%

The syllabus focuses on the development of children from conception to the age of 5.

Parenthood

The family i.e. nuclear, extended, step and one-parent, and the role of the family.

Pre-conceptual care: healthy eating, genetic disorders, effects of drugs, exercise. Planning for the baby

Pregnancy: Conception, symptoms, the placenta, and Foetus, development, dietary needs,

ante-natal care.

Birth: Stages of labour, relaxation, and delivery.

Provision of a Safe Environment.

Diet, health and care of the child

A healthy diet, feeding a baby, weaning, feeding the young child, food related problems, child care, Child health.

Development of the child

- **Physical:** growth, motor skills, washing feeding and dressing.
- **Intellectual:** Nature and Nurture, Language and speech development, concept
- **Emotional:** temper tantrums and control
- **Social:** Play, learning, development
- **Learning and Play:** types of play.
- **Support for the parent and child**

(and more)

Coursework

There are 2 pieces of **coursework**.

1. **Child Study:** A study of a child under the age of 5 years noting how it develops in physical, intellectual, social and emotional skills over a period of time.
2. **Research Task:** One short piece of work showing the ability to plan work, and carry out primary and secondary research skills.

How the course is delivered

This GCSE course is studied in 1 year for 3 hours a week. There is one hour (1 lesson) a week dedicated to the course work in a computer room.

The department includes visits to local Nurseries, Toys R Us and Early Learning Centre. We also have a full day visit to 'Eureka', a children's area and play museum in Halifax, this will help in research for the coursework.

Departmental Enrichment

The college provides a 'Mother and toddler' group every Wednesday afternoon for students to participate and help run, to get hands on experience and enhance their practical work. Parents and child minders in the local area meet in a room provided by the college and the students organise activities and play for the group.

Student success

The department has helped students achieve a good grade in a GCSE to help them on their chosen career path.

Last year's students did well and a few success stories are listed below.

Name	Grade	Destination	Career path
Ella Sleight	A	University	Primary School teacher
Bryony Dixon	B	Stayed on at Wyke College	Nursery nurse
Cassie Huckle	C	Nursery	NVQ in Nursery Nursing

What does this course lead to?

This course can lead to being part of the 5 grade A* - C grades needed to study level 3 courses. Good for the BTEC Level 3 Health and Social Care.

Some students go onto F.E. to study BTEC courses in Child Studies or nursery nursing.

It is helpful to have a Child Development GCSE if you would like to be a children's rep for holiday companies and work in England or abroad, a nursery nurse or training, primary school or nursery teacher.

What can I do now that would help prepare me for this course?

Read the specification subject content on the AQA website www.AQA.org.uk

You could get permission to study a child under the age of 5 years for your Unit 3 Child Study, visit the child and let them get to know you.

