



## **AS / A2 (Double) Health and Social Care**

### **WHY TAKE THIS COURSE?**

This course has been designed to provide knowledge and understanding of this vocational area. It is an ideal qualification for those students who want a broad background in health and social care, which will allow you to progress further into Higher Education or training. The advanced double award combines well with almost all AS and A level subjects. For example, taken with a science A level, it supports applications for a degree in Radiography, Nursing or Midwifery, or with one of a range of A levels, it supports applications for Teacher Training or Social Work.

### **WHAT WILL I STUDY?**

Units on the Advanced GCE Health and Social Care course include; understanding human behaviour, working in health and social care, effective communication, psychological perspectives, health, illness and disease and the role of exercise in maintaining health and wellbeing.

### **HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?**

The double award in Health and Social Care comprises twelve units of study and is equivalent to two A levels. The course is assessed by two thirds coursework and one third external written examinations

### **WHAT SKILLS AND SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS DO I NEED?**

You do not require any specific qualifications to take this subject, although a good grasp of English, Maths and Science will be beneficial. Depending on your future plans you will be advised that some subjects will be essential to ensure progression in your chosen career / degree.

### **WHAT CAN I DO NEXT?**

Many of our students select to study health and social care because they have a clear idea of their chosen profession, e.g. Nursing, Midwifery, Social Work, Paramedical Services, Social Work, Physio and Occupational Therapy etc. However many of our students are unsure when they start their studies with us and wish to gain vital knowledge and experience, not forgetting the two A levels to complement and support their other courses.

### **PRIESTLEY EXTRA**

You will have the opportunity to take part in enrichment activities which will include Sign Language and First Aid. You will also be invited to engage in a team building residential in Ambleside, and for NHS careers, a residential at a London University Hospital. There are many applied learning experiences to capture your imagination and support your career aims. There is also the opportunity for some to experience working within a large Children's orphanage in Moldova.