Subject Title: HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE (Single Award)

Type of Qualification: A Level **Examination Board:** CCEA

Location: Glastry College
Subject Leader: Miss K McGreevy

Entry Requirements

The most important aspect is a lively and enquiring mind, an interest in health and social care issues, a willingness to explore new ideas and an ability to communicate your ideas effectively. It would be useful although not essential, to have completed GCSE Child Development.

At least a grade C in English is ESSENTIAL. Grade C in Science – desirable Please research the specification.



Health and Social Care

What will I learn?

The course is split into six modules. Three modules are studied in year 13 and three in year 14 These are added together to give the final overall grade. The modules are either assessed by an external examination set by CCEA or a substantial piece of coursework.

What skills will I develop?

Higher order thinking skills, creative thinking and problem-solving, where appropriate;

- Apply skills to work-related scenarios
- Work with others in groups
- Carry out research and present findings in different formats
- Develop advanced study skills that help prepare for third level education
- Develop knowledge and understanding relevant to degrees in nursing, allied health professions, social sciences, social policy, social work and early years
- Develop skills, aptitudes and values for employment in the health, social care and early years' sectors
- Provide extended responses and evidence of quality of written communication
- Demonstrate through internal and external assessments that they understand and can apply key concepts

Quote

Rachel – 'The course has given me an insight into the different needs of those in our community. It also has made me aware of the needs of the elderly'

Assessment

Year 13	Year 14
Promoting Quality Care (coursework)	Body Systems and Physiological Disorders
	(coursework)
Communication in Health, Social Care and Early	Health Promotion (coursework)
Years setting (coursework)	
Health and Well Being (exam)	Providing Services (exam)

Career Progression

Health and Social Care (single award) is the equivalent to one A level. It is graded from A-E and attracts the same UCAS points as other subjects.

This course when combined with a science subject makes an excellent foundation for those considering a career in nursing or midwifery. With a range of other subjects, it supports applications for teacher training or social work. For those not entering a health related career due to the wide nature of the modules covered (communication / equality) it is a sound basis for many higher education courses.

Some students also use the qualification as a means to gaining employment in a variety of sectors.