

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Department Aims

One aim of the Child Development department is to show students, that working with children, is both a pleasure and a privilege. We want students to understand that what you provide a child with and how you interact with them can influence the way they see the world, their learning and behaviour. The Child Development department aims to provide students with the ability to achieve success in this subject by applying knowledge and practical skills.

Department Ethos

We want students to develop a love of learning about children's development and to understand what they need to do to help a young child be a successful learner.

Department Staff

Mrs J Divecha (Head of Department)

Key Stage 3 Information

Students choose to study Child Development as a KS4. As students have not studied the subject in Key stage 3, the year 9 course introduces students to a range of topics linked to the care and development of children. This included two centre-assessed units as well as an examined unit covering topics such as responsibilities of Parenthood, contraception and reproduction, antenatal, health, delivery, postnatal checks, illnesses and child safety. One piece of controlled assessment is introduced this year, where students are assessed on their knowledge and understanding, research analysis, planning, a final outcome and evaluation of their work.

Key Stage 4 Information

The Child Development department follows the OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in Child Development. Students are taught in mixed ability groups for the course. The course is assessed through two centre-assessed units worth 50% of their final grade and a written examination. The coursework consists of 3 Units :

- Unit 1 RO18 – Health and well-being for child development. Written Examination 1 ½ Hours (50%)
- Unit 2 RO19 – Understanding the equipment and nutritional needs of children from birth to five years. (Centre Assessed Research Task 25%)
- Unit 3 RO20 – Understanding the development of the child from birth to five year old (Centre Assessed Child Study 25%) – Students will need a child to study who will be no older than four in the year they take the examination.

All coursework deadlines are set by individual staff. We want the students to believe that they can be successful, but to realise that their success depends on their effort. A Catch-up club for KS4 students is available after school for 1 hour 30 minutes on 2 / 3 days a week.

Any other information

During the school year, where possible we bring in visitors to give the students the opportunity to learn from professionals in the field e.g. midwife, St John's ambulance, a Nursery manager etc. And during year 10 students have the opportunity to experience caring for a baby with the use the 'Ready-or-Not Tot'.

All students are expected to bring the following equipment to lessons:

- Pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber

Homework

Homework is set by the class teacher. Homework each week may take various forms, such as research, mini-projects, written pieces or observations. Failure to complete homework by the deadline set will result in a detention of up to 45 minutes.