St Benedict's Sixth Form

BTEC AAQ National in Early Childhood Development (Extended Certificate)

Course Description

Early Childhood Development is offered at BTEC Level 3. This qualification is widely recognised and accepted by the majority of universities. By studying this subject, students gain a comprehensive understanding of child development stages and the skills needed to support young children's growth in educational and care settings.

Skills Attained

The course will develop key interpersonal skills such as self-management, adaptability, resilience, and self-reflection, all essential for working effectively in early childhood settings. It will also enhance cognitive and problem-solving abilities, encouraging critical thinking and the application of creative solutions to real-world challenges in child development.

Intrapersonal skills are a major focus, including effective communication, collaboration, negotiation, and influencing crucial for working with children, families, and colleagues. Additionally, the course equips students with transferable skills valued by employers and universities, such as the ability to work independently and contribute actively within a team.

Assessment

The course is assessed internally through the completion of assignments/coursework and externally assessed through written exams. Individual units are assessed using a grading scale of Distinction, Merit, Pass and Unclassified. Grading criteria for the whole course will be Pass, Merit, Distinction to a Distinction*.

Progression

Possible careers that a Level 3 qualification in Early Childhood Development can lead to include the following:

- Early Years Educator
- Nursery Manager
- Childcare Practitioner
- Special Educational Needs (SEN) Support Worker
- Primary School Teaching Assistant
- Family Support Worker
- Child Nursing
- Social Services Worker
- Education Professional
- Primary School Teacher

Entry Requirements

Grade 4 in GCSE English

Exam Board: Pearson Edexcel

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