

LEVEL 3 HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE, A LEVEL SOCIOLOGY & A LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY

Subject Area
Student Type
Study Mode

Early Years
Students aged 16-18
Full Time

What is the course about?

This study programme combines A Level Psychology, A level Sociology and Level 3 AAQ Health & Social Care, giving you a strong foundation in understanding human behaviour, social relationships, development, health and care practice.

Psychology focuses on how people think, feel and behave, exploring memory, social influence, attachment, mental health and scientific research methods.

Sociology is the study of society, social relationships, and human behaviour. It examines how people interact with one another and how social institutions influence people's lives.

Health & Social Care develops your understanding of human growth, health conditions, biology, care values, safeguarding and person-centred practice.

Why should I choose the course?

This combined pathway offers:

An engaging introduction to psychology, health, wellbeing and professional care practice.

Skills valued by employers and universities, including critical analysis, communication, research, empathy and problem-solving.

Applied, practical learning shaped by sector experts and aligned with real health and care environments.

This route is ideal for students interested in people-focused careers where understanding behaviour, development and care are central

What will I learn?

A Level Psychology - You will explore:

- Social influence and obedience
- Memory and forgetting
- Attachment and early relationships
- Approaches in psychology (biological, cognitive, behaviourist)
- Mental health conditions (phobias, depression, OCD)
- Research methods and data analysis

A Level Sociology - You will explore:



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- Socialisation, culture and identity
- Social differentiation, power and stratification
- Sociological theories, perspectives and methods

AAQ Health and Social Care - You will study:

- Human lifespan development
- Health, wellbeing and biological functioning
- Health conditions such as diabetes, CHD and dementia
- Care values, communication and safeguarding
- Equality, diversity, legislation and person-centred practice.

Skills Gained:

- Critical thinking
- Problem solving and academic writing
- Communication and interpersonal skills
- Working with vulnerable people
- Understanding health inequalities
- Academic and research skills
- Decision-making in care settings

What will the course lead on to?

Possible higher education degree routes include:

- Psychology
- Nursing (Adult, Child, Mental Health, Learning Disability)
- Social Work
- Health & Social Care
- Counselling
- Policing & Criminology
- Education & Teaching
- Sociology

Career opportunities:

- Healthcare support roles
- Mental health support
- Community care work
- Youth & family support
- Research assistant roles
- Classroom or learning support roles

Are there any links with industry and university?

Throughout the year, we welcome a variety of guest speakers from industry, giving you direct insight into the careers you may want to pursue and the skills employers are looking for.

We also have strong partnerships with universities, and you'll have the chance to visit several campuses to take part in taster sessions — helping you explore your options and prepare confidently for your next steps in higher education.



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What support is available?

You will be allocated a progress coach who will provide you with support to help you succeed on your study programme and progress on to your chosen career or progression path. We have a team of staff dedicated to providing learning support if required, as well as a Welfare Team that is on hand to offer guidance, support and help when needed.

Additionally, eligible students can access a wide range of finance and funding support to help them during their time at college.

Why should I choose to study the course at Warrington & Vale Royal College?

- You will benefit from experienced tutors from psychology, health and care sectors.
- Strong employer and university links
- A supportive, inclusive learning environment
- Facilities including realistic care environments and digital resources
- High academic standards and tailored pastoral support

What are the entry requirements?

You will need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and maths. Or you will need a minimum grade merit in a level 2 course and have GCSE English and maths at grade 4 or above.



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