

Child Development Department Vision for Curriculum INTENT

Excellence through the curriculum

In the Child Development department we prepare a curriculum that develops PRIDE and is inclusive through the following areas.

Subject knowledge and skills development

Child Development can be selected as an option in KS4. Child Development teachers use engaging teaching methods and a variety of immersive activities to deliver the knowledge and understanding required to be successful in this examination subject. Content is carefully sequenced over time to build on core knowledge and prior learning, developing understanding from KS3 subjects as well as life experiences. Students are encouraged to work independently and collaboratively in order to become creative and confident learners.

Respectful attitudes

Child Development teachers work hard to create a positive learning environment created by mutually respectful relationships. The department encourages attitudes that are considered most important in Child Care settings to enable students to develop an understanding of the values required when working with children.

Destinations and employability

Child Development is a vocational subject and as such sets much of the lesson content in the context of employment and child care settings. As a result, students can increase their awareness of the range of opportunities for either further qualifications related to child care or for employment within the sector. Learners go on to level 3 child care courses and apprenticeships as well as to careers in related fields..

Enrichment

Opportunities are offered for enrichment and investigative activities which enable students to be aware of Child Development in the context of the work place. Students have the option to take home a “Real Care” baby to experience the practicalities of dealing with a newborn baby.