

## **Health and Social Care**

### **Statement of Intent**

At Nishkam High School Birmingham our vision is to ensure all pupils are given the opportunity to reach excellence within the subject. Within Health and Social Care, we offer a curriculum that focuses on students becoming competent with a range of specialist knowledge and skills for their everyday life. With this, they develop the ability to meet the needs of individuals across a range of health, social care and early years settings. The curriculum allows our students to show a range of different skills and qualities that fit with our faith inspired and virtues led approach, empowering pupils to be creative, confident and independent. It ensures our pupils are gaining knowledge and transferable skills for later employment in a range of different career routes. At KS4 and KS5 we use the OCR Cambridge National and Technical qualifications for health and social care. The qualification itself includes mandatory and optional units with a range of different subject areas such as Equality and Diversity.

Our inclusive curriculum is designed to support pupils in achieving their best in examinations through the support of coursework and practical moderated assessments which benefits those pupils who may struggle in exam settings. Assessment in health and social care plays an important part in supporting the pupils with their learning and knowledge. Within the coursework it is important that pupils can identify their own areas of weakness, take feedback into account and become reflective in their own next steps. Reading in health and social care is a priority, it ensures pupils learning is developed further and goes beyond the curriculum. However, it also allows pupils to use a range of online resources to complete independent study. This prepares pupils to take accountability for their further research and allows them to track their progress.

Health and social care provides a range of opportunities for all pupils of different faiths, backgrounds and abilities to meet all pupils' needs. We believe that these skills and knowledge prepare our pupils for any career aspirations they may have and allow them to see this firsthand in real life situations with exciting trips and extracurricular activities.