



You will be taught in the Health and Social Care Department situated in block one of the school. The department has two class rooms, a resource library and over 30 computers. We have a caring attitude towards students and their learning but expect very high standards and this combination enables students to achieve very high results.

The Teaching Team

Miss Corinaldi & Miss Davies

Together this team have been teaching Technicals since 2014.

Our Results

Our results are fantastic, with many previous students achieving a Distinction or Distinction* this is the equivalent to an A or A* A-Level. We are delighted that this has enabled these students to progress to university studying social work, primary teaching and even geography!

Vocational Education

To enable our students to reach their potential in the health and social care sector we have introduced a vocational element to many units, this often makes up part of the assessment e.g. planning and delivering a primary school trip. We believe this is an essential part of the course as it will enable students to gain work related skills that are necessary to enter work or university after leaving Balcarras Sixth Form.

Progression

The Cambridge Technicals provide an ideal foundation for students to progress to more advanced studies and to the workplace.

University:

Courses include: nursing, speech and language therapy, social work, midwifery, teaching, early years studies, occupational therapy, physiotherapy and health and social care to name but a few.

Employment:

Child care, auxiliary nursing, caring for the elderly, teaching assistants, physio assistant and caring for the mentally ill.

On-the-job Training:

Qualifications include: NVQ's levels 3 & 4, sign language and other professional qualifications.

Further Information:

Exam Board: OCR

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Balcarras

From strength to strength



Your Guide to the OCR

Level 3 (Tech Level) Cambridge

Technical in

Health and Social Care

Technical Diploma =

2 A-Level Equivalent

Mandatory units: for all students

Infection Control (internally assessed)

- Understand infection control in health and social care
- Know the chain of infection
- Be able to control the spread of infection
- Understand the role of the health and social care worker in controlling infection

Safeguarding (externally assessed)

- Understand types and signs of abuse
- Understand factors which may lead to abusive situations
- Understand legislation, regulatory requirements and guidance which govern the safeguarding of adults, young people and children
- Understand how to deal with suspected abuse and disclosures of abuse
- Understand working strategies and procedures for the safeguarding and protection of adults, young people and children
- Understand how workers within health, social care and child care environments can minimise the risk of abuse

OCR Level 3

Cambridge Technical (Tech Level) Diploma in Health Science

A revolutionary and **nationally recognised qualification** which is the equivalent to an A-Level however, it benefits from internal assessment. Therefore this elevates some of the stress and pressure of exams.

Universities have recognised this qualification as an A-level equivalent and they are awarding it the same UCAS points as an A-level, therefore a Distinction* in the OCR Level 3 Certificate is worth the same as an A-level grade A* and therefore it is worth 140 UCAS points.

Cambridge Technicals have been developed with a number of universities, leading employers and industry specialists who have a reputation for offering **creative and inspiring vocational qualifications**. They have a clear, practical and sensible approach to assessment and will enable students to **develop transferable skills** that are essential in the workplace or for further study.

Cambridge Technicals are 55% internally assessed. The external assessments (exams) can be taken in January and June and students are able to resit them.

There is a **natural progression through the grading** criteria from Pass through to Merit and Distinction, reflecting current sector practice.

Sexual health, reproduction and early development stages (internally assessed)

- Understand sexual health and contraception.
- Understand the importance of pre-natal health and the process of conception
- Know the factors which could affect health in pregnancy and the success of birth
- Understand the stages of pregnancy and birth and post-natal care of the mother
- Understand the care and development of the baby in the first year of life.

In Year 13 all Technical Diploma students will complete and externally assessed units Anatomy and Physiology for Health and Social Care and Personalisation and a person centred approach to care.

Year 13 Optional Units:

- Supporting people with learning disabilities
- Nutrition for health
- Sexual health, reproduction and early development stages
- Supporting people with dementia
- Supporting people with mental health conditions
- Looked after children and young people