

CHILD DEVELOPMENT Datblygiad Plant



Course Title: Child Development
Examination Board: WJEC
Qualification: GCSE



COURSE OUTLINE

This course is designed for the student who enjoys active learning. GCSE Child Development provides opportunities for a wide range of activities and increases awareness of family and present day issues.

Students are encouraged to develop their organisational, investigative and decision-making skills and are involved in elements of practical work. There are also opportunities for students to go out on visits and carry out classroom based practical observations on children. Students work on an individual basis as well as part of a team.

The syllabus seeks to encourage an understanding of the overall needs of young children from conception to the age of five years as well as the social and environmental influences which affect their development in a changing society. It closely examines what contributes to the health and welfare of the parent and child and focuses on the influence off current trends, the market economy and technological change. The course is both challenging and worthwhile and is suited to all ability levels. There is a mixture of practical and theoretical type activities which cater for a variety of interests and individual needs. ICT is widely used throughout the course.

Examples of topics on the syllabus include:

- Family and the Child
- Relationships
- Food and health
- Stages of Development
- Parenthood
- Safety

- Pregnancy
- Roles and Responsibilities of Individuals
- Health and Hygiene
- Behavioural Problems
- Marriage and Divorce
- Cultural Issues
- Pre-School Education and the Community

HOW WILL THE COURSE BE ASSESSED?

Assessment will be by examination, which is worth 40% of the final mark, the completion of a child study worth 30% and the completion of a child focused task worth 30% and includes a practical activity. Students complete the study and focused task in a controlled environment. All components/units cater for the full range of ability and allow access to grades A* - G for the subject.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND PROGRESSION

The course is particularly suitable for the person who is possibly considering a career in the caring profession, particularly caring services, social work, teaching, class room assistant, nursing, nursery nursing or nanny or for the student who simply wants to equip themselves with basic life skills. Opportunities are provided for students to demonstrate a whole range of skills including all the essential skills.

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