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MARPLE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

Level 3 AAQ Cambridge Advanced National Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care

Location	Marple College
Course Type	College 16-18
Department	A Levels
Start Date	Tuesday 1st September 2026
Course Code	MFQ-ML3C-1104

Course Overview

Health and Social Care is a dynamic and rewarding subject that prepares you for a future in one of the UK's most vital sectors. Whether you're interested in nursing, social work, midwifery, or other allied health professions, this course provides the perfect foundation. Equivalent to one A Level, this qualification is suitable for students looking to develop their knowledge and skills in Health and Social Care as part of a study programme alongside two other A Levels.

Course Requirements

4 GCSEs grade 5 and above including English & Maths.
This course is suitable for students with an interest in health, social care, or related fields
Good written communication and analytical skills are beneficial.

What You Will Learn

Students will develop:
- A broad understanding of health and social care principles
- Skills in person-centred care and ethical decision-making
- Knowledge of anatomy, physiology, mental health, public health, and nutrition
- Awareness of equality, diversity, and rights in care settings

You will also develop essential skills in communication, empathy, and professionalism - qualities that are highly valued in both higher education and the workplace.

Assessment

You will learn through a mix of coursework and external assessments, applying your knowledge to real-world scenarios and case studies.
For this qualification, students must complete six units:
- Two mandatory externally assessed units
- Two mandatory NEA units
- Two optional NEA units
This course is graded: Distinction*, Distinction, Merit, Pass

Progression

This qualification supports progression to:
- Undergraduate degrees in nursing, social work, psychology, public health, and related subjects
- Higher apprenticeships in health and social care
- Other Level 4+ vocational qualifications

Career Options

Students completing this course may pursue careers in:
- Nursing and midwifery
- Social work and care management
- Mental health support
- Public health and community outreach
- Nutrition and wellness coaching

Mandatory Units

Principles of health and social care
Anatomy and physiology for health and social care
Person-centred approach to care
Supporting people with mental health conditions

Contact Details

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