

Child Development Level 1 / 2 Certificate (Optional)

Board: OCR Course Content

By taking this course, you will:

1. Learn about the stages of development in babies and young children
2. Investigate the processes of caring for children, how they learn and the role of parents and outside agencies in the care of children
3. Learn about the physical and biological aspects of pregnancy and related topics.
4. Nutritional requirements for a child aged 0-5.
5. Have the option of using the virtual baby for a night.

The course provides a combination of coursework tasks and an external exam. A variety of teaching and learning styles are used, including classroom-based activities, cooking sessions and some practical activities. There are coursework tasks on a variety of topics, including designing a meal for a young child, investigating children's equipment and creating activities to help a young child's development. The exam covers topics, such as pregnancy, intellectual, social and physical development and the role of the wider community.

The qualification is an excellent steppingstone for study at higher level or as preparation for working with children. If you are interested in childcare, teaching or simply keen to learn about how children develop, this is the course for you.

Skills

Students will develop a variety of skills that include:

- Practical skills needed for the care of babies and young children
- Research and planning skills
- Independent working skills
- Creative presentation skills
- IT and Literacy skills

Knowledge

- Needs of a newborn baby and how these needs are met
- The process from conception to birth
- The physical, intellectual and social development of a child
- The role of parents and different health professionals

Assessment

Assessment is delivered through the production of 4 coursework tasks and a final exam in year 11. The course is one of a few remaining courses that is weighted 60% coursework and 40% exam.

For the second coursework it will be useful if you have access to a child aged 1-5 but other options are available.

For further details, please see Ms Hale. You can find her in the DT Department.