**BODMIN COLLEGE**

**TEACHER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE FACULTY INFORMATION**

The Health and Social Care department at Bodmin College is a small but very popular and successful team with a strong legacy of supporting and inspiring students to secure exciting futures in a range of career pathways. Students are taught at KS4 and KS5 level, and initial options are taken at the end of year 8.

KS4 students opting for a Level 2 qualification follow Pearson BTEC courses, over the three years. At year 9 the students follow a department designed introductory curriculum, allowing students to establish a strong foundation of skills, knowledge and experience to enhance their success as they develop into the coursework and examination element in Year 10.

Year 10 students focus on completing the majority of the coursework, with year 11 mostly set aside for the synoptic examination.

At KS5 students follow the Pearson BTEC National in a course structure that allows the candidates take even greater ownership of their learning and future career pathways by giving them the flexibility to work to their specific strengths within the mandatory and optional units.

Throughout KS4 and KS5, the department prides itself in the success of its students and their achievements, supporting students in their application for University and apprenticeships through mentoring and the provision of varied work experience opportunities both internally and externally. Many of our students take active roles as peer mentors and mental health ambassadors enabling them to extend their own skills whilst supporting and helping others.

The department is committed to ensuring that all students are able be successful regardless of their needs and starting points, and offers a flexible teaching style that is relevant and supportive taking into account all learner needs.

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