

Welcome to The Child Development Department

Child Development is taught in **Key Stage Four** (Years 10 and 11) by Mrs John and Mrs Sands.

We aim to help students develop their knowledge and understanding of child development issues in our diverse society. This subject is an excellent starting point for a career in the health, care or education sectors.

- At present there is one mixed ability group in Year 10 (two hours a week) and one in Year 11 (three hours a week). There will be two groups in Year 10 from September 2014.
- In addition to timetabled lessons, we offer sessions at lunchtimes to students who would like extra support.
- Students follow the OCR GCSE syllabus.

Accommodation and Resources

Child Development is taught in LB2 which is in the main corridor downstairs. We have an excellent selection of resources including DVDs, booklets, reference books, GCSE textbooks and two Real Care virtual babies.

Extra Curricular Activity

- The virtual babies may be borrowed for the weekend to experience the demands of caring for an infant. Each baby's computer tracks its care and safe handling which is then evaluated back in school.
- We often invite professionals to come and talk to students about their job role. Past guests have included midwives, social workers, nurses and nursery teachers.
- Year 10 pupils witness a young baby's bath routine and we ask parents to bring in toddlers to attend play sessions prepared by Year 11 students.
- Year 11 pupils will also attend a first aid session which is run by Mrs Sands.

Mrs John

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