



Characteristics of a More Able and Talent Student in Health and Social Care

- ★ Analyses health and social care scenarios with maturity, showing awareness of the wide spectrum of social backgrounds
- ★ Demonstrates motivation to gain experience in the health and social care sector and speaks “through case studies” in written answers to a questions
- ★ Shows a growing confidence to use work experience scenarios to justify their learning to support their knowledge and theory
- ★ Reluctant to accept simplified explanations to work on anything which is low level and unchallenging
- ★ Uses independent learning and extensive research to elaborate, evaluate and explain in detail
- ★ Shows genuine curiosity and persistent interest in topics, demonstrating a consistent motivation to extent their learning
- ★ Absorbs new concepts rapidly demonstrating a great interest in the bigger questions such as Piaget and Chomsky’s models of intellectual development
- ★ Observes health and social care situations with insight, offering perceptive interpretations and extrapolations

How we support More Able and Talent Students in Health and Social Care

- ★ Use of the Aim Higher booklet in lessons
- ★ Aim Higher Project set termly for each class
- ★ Challenge project set for each unit, with appropriate explanation and resources outlined in the unit handbook
- ★ Challenge activity set with every HSC homework
- ★ Independent research tasks specify challenge reading, such as journal articles
- ★ Did you know? Tasks in all lessons challenge learners to research, think or consider content ‘beyond’ the curriculum and ‘beyond’ the expectations of the assessment criteria
- ★ Participation in Work Experience for HSC, supporting students to develop appropriate skills and attributes, experience and observation for progression towards their career.
- ★ Enrichment opportunities, such as guest speakers for content within the curriculum, professionals within the sector discussing careers, trips to HSC settings and workshops.

How you can support More Able and Talent Students at home

- ★ Encourage your child to carry out weekly/fortnightly activities from the Aim Higher Booklet
- ★ Watch a HSC documentary with your child, encouraging them to discuss any aspects that they notice from content they are currently learning, e.g. safeguarding legislation, barriers or the role of the professional. A list of documentaries are available in the Aim Higher Booklet.

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- ★ Look at the 'careers' section of the Aim Higher Booklet with your child, discussing the possibilities and exploring the resources available to evaluate which careers would best suit their interests and skills.
- ★ Encourage your child to take part in a volunteering opportunity, such as volunteering with HealthWatch, friends of the elderly, at your local food bank.
- ★ Encourage your child to engage with Work Experience opportunities, such as carrying out appropriate research before the placement, reflecting on the placement and planning activities for how they can continue to develop their skills and attributes whilst on placement.
- ★ Encourage your child to engage with the Challenge activity for the unit they are working on, and the challenge homework that is set alongside each homework.