

## **SUBJECT: CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

### **CURRICULUM INTENT STATEMENT**

Studying Child Development allows students to explore factors that affect growth and development in a variety of areas across the early years. Students will learn about the characteristics of children's development and the difference between growth and development exploring children's physical, cognitive and intellectual, communication and language, and social and emotional development. Students will investigate factors that can influence a child's rate of growth and development looking at how physical influences, such as ill health and diet, can affect children. They will learn about how environment, such as poor housing and abuse, can have long-term effects on children's growth and development and will explore how socio-economic factors, such as early education, can affect children. The teaching will enable students to explore their own development alongside case studies thus offering an opportunity for self-reflection and self-awareness. Activities are included in the course to develop observation, research and investigative skills needed for the written examination and assessments as well as in other subject areas and the future. The practical, cross-curricular elements will offer an insight into many careers demonstrating a genuine purpose to the teaching and learning of this subject.