



# Welcome to King Charles

## AAQ Early Childhood Development Extended Certificate

# King Charles I School & Sixth Form

- This course will be taught at KCI
- 20 minute from school to school (walk & train)
- Requirements for the course:
  - Grade 4 in English & Maths
  - Grade 44 in combined Science or Grade 4 in Biology

# Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification Early Childhood Development(Extended Certificate)

Essential knowledge and skills to support children's growth from birth to 8 years.

Explore child development theories, safeguarding and health & safety practices.

Designed to be taken alongside A levels.

Intended for students that wish to progress into higher education as a pathway to employment.

# Transferable skills – fully embedded in the course.

- **Managing yourself** – responsibility, resilience, career and personal goal setting.
- **Effective learning** – managing your own learning, primary and secondary research skills.
- **Interpersonal skills** – written, verbal and non-verbal, teamwork including cultural and social intelligence.
- **Solving problems** – critical thinking, creativity and innovation.

# 4 Units over the course of 2 years

- **4 mandatory units which include:**
  - Children's Development
  - Keeping Children Safe
  - Play & Learning
  - Research & Reflective Practice in an Early Childhood Setting

# The qualification is made up of internal & external assessment.

| Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification<br>BTEC National in Early Childhood Development<br>(Extended Certificate) |                                                                |     |              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------------|
| Unit number                                                                                                                  | Unit title                                                     | GLH | How assessed |
| <b>100% Mandatory units – learners complete all units</b>                                                                    |                                                                |     |              |
| 1                                                                                                                            | Children's Development                                         | 90  | External     |
| 2                                                                                                                            | Keeping Children Safe                                          | 90  | External     |
| 3                                                                                                                            | Play and Learning                                              | 90  | Internal     |
| 4                                                                                                                            | Research and Reflective Practice in an Early Childhood Setting | 90  | Internal     |

# 50% of the qualification is assessed by Pearson Set Assignments.

- These are marked by your teachers and verified by Pearson.
- This would be:
- Play & Learning
- Research & Reflective Practice in an Early Childhood Setting
- Grades are awarded from Distinction\* to Pass

# Where can the qualification take you?

- Carries UCAS points and is recognised by higher education providers.
- Can lead to employment opportunities such as primary teaching, nursery nursing, youth work and community liaison.
- Further learning and career opportunities include nursing, teacher training, social work, psychology, for example.



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resources can be found by visiting  
the [school website](#)**



**We look forward to welcoming  
you to our classrooms in  
September 2026**