

# LOVE THE DIPLOMA

"My Diploma helped me  
develop my skills for my  
future career."

Alice Davis



## The Diploma

Bringing learning to life

### What is The Diploma?

Diplomas have been developed to provide new and innovative qualifications for 14 to 19 year old students. They are a defined set of qualifications that have been combined according to a set of rules.

Diplomas are designed to support progression to further study, training or employment. Students will have the opportunity to develop and practice work-related skills within a chosen employment sector.

Diplomas will give young people a fully rounded qualification, which combines theoretical and practical learning, including functional English, Mathematics and ICT, to equip them with the skills, knowledge and understanding they need for further or higher education and long-term employability.

#### Improving Choice, Improving Chances:

Diplomas are delivered by schools, colleges and employers working in partnership to give you the best learning opportunities. You will spend some time in the classroom but you will also have hands-on practical experience of the world of work or in an environment like a workplace. You will learn essential knowledge and skills, like teamwork, self-management and critical thinking, as well as work-relevant practical learning.

Diplomas started in the South Warwickshire area in September 2009 and by 2013 all young people between the ages of 14 to 19 years will be entitled to choose this exciting qualification as a route to success.

#### Each Diploma will be available at two levels:

<b>HIGHER DIPLOMA</b>	Level 2	One year	Gain the equivalent of 7 GCSEs grades A*-C
<b>ADVANCED DIPLOMA</b>	Level 3	Two years	Gain the equivalent of 3½ A Levels

### Creative and Media Level 2 Higher Diploma

#### 1 year full-time, equivalent to 7 GCSEs

Are you a creative person? Do you enjoy working in a variety of creative subject areas? Are you interested in the creative and media industries? If so, the Creative and Media Higher Diploma is for you.

This course will help you to broaden your knowledge of the creative and media industries as you develop your skills in many of the following areas:

- Drama
- Creative Writing
- Film
- Television
- Animation
- Interactive Media
- Radio
- Fashion
- Dance
- Music
- 2D and 3D Art
- Craft
- Photo Imaging
- Graphic Design
- Product Design
- Textiles

#### The course will also involve the completion of:

- Functional Skills (English, ICT and Mathematics)
- Work Experience (minimum of ten days)
- Personal Learning and Thinking Skills
- A Project
- Additional and Specialist Learning (qualifications to be arranged)

A requirement of the course is that all students participate in work experience (a minimum of ten days). As a student on the Creative and Media Higher Diploma at Stratford-upon-Avon College, you will benefit from our excellent links with the creative and media industries.

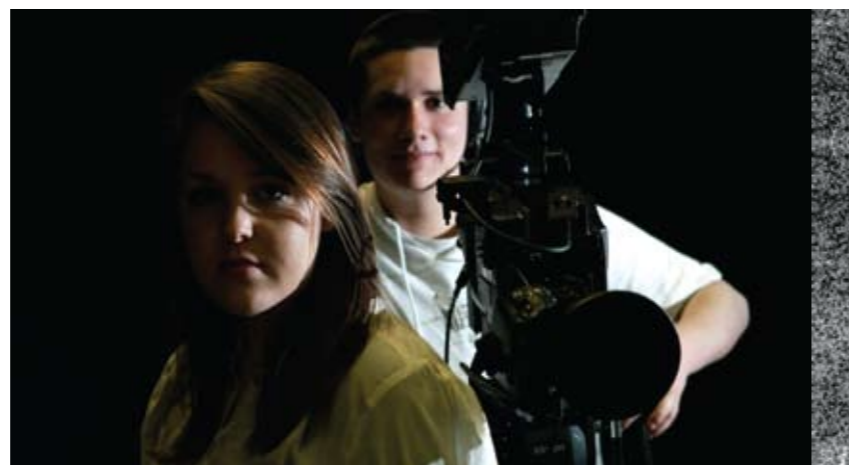
#### To Join the Course:

You will normally need at least one of the following:

- 3 GCSEs A\* - D including English, Mathematics and a subject related to the creative and media industries
- Creative and Media Foundation Diploma with GCSE English and Mathematics A\* - D

#### Further Opportunities:

Having successfully completed the Creative and Media Higher Diploma, a variety of progression pathways will be available to you. You may choose to study the Creative and Media Advanced Diploma, which will enable you to continue to study a wide range of creative arts and media subjects, or you may choose to specialise in a vocational creative and media qualification such as a BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma. Some students may decide to study A Levels and students who decide to seek employment in the creative and media industries may choose to do so as part of an apprenticeship programme.



### Creative and Media Level 3 Advanced Diploma

#### 2 years full-time, equivalent to 3½ A Levels

Are you a creative person? Do you enjoy working in a variety of creative subject areas? Are you interested in the creative and media industries? If so, the Creative and Media Advanced Diploma is for you.

This course will help you to expand your knowledge of the creative and media industries as you develop your skills in many of the following areas:

- Drama
- Creative Writing
- Film
- Television
- Animation
- Interactive Media
- Radio
- Fashion
- Dance
- Music
- 2D and 3D Art
- Craft
- Photo Imaging
- Graphic Design
- Product Design
- Textiles

#### The course will also involve the completion of:

- Work Experience (minimum of ten days)
- Personal Learning and Thinking Skills
- An Extended Project
- Additional and Specialist Learning (an A Level or relevant BTEC Level 3 qualification)

A requirement of the course is that all students participate in work experience (a minimum of ten days). As a student on the Creative and Media Advanced Diploma at Stratford-upon-Avon College, you will benefit from our excellent links with the creative and media industries.

#### To Join the Course:

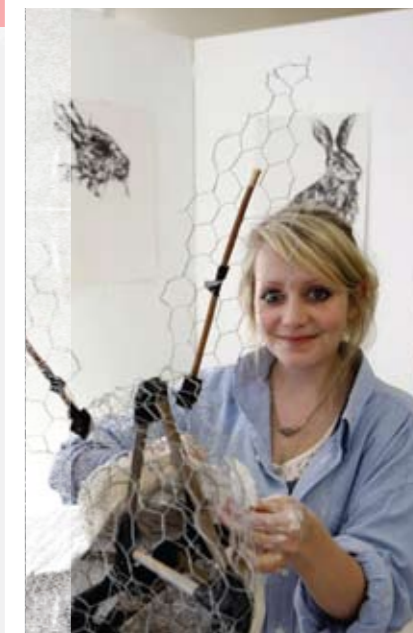
You will normally need at least one of the following:

- 5 GCSEs A\* - C including English and Mathematics
- A relevant BTEC First Diploma with an overall merit profile plus GCSE English and Mathematics A\* - C
- Creative and Media Higher Diploma plus GCSE English and Mathematics A\* - C

#### Further Opportunities:

Having successfully completed the Creative and Media Advanced Diploma, a variety of progression pathways will be available to you. You may choose to continue to study a range of creative arts and media subjects or you may prefer to specialise in one area. Whatever you decide, a number of higher education courses at degree, foundation degree or higher national diploma level will be available to you.

Those who decide to seek employment in the creative and media industries may choose to do so as part of an apprenticeship programme.



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## Hospitality Level 2 Higher Diploma

1 year full-time, broadly equivalent to 7 GCSEs



Stratford-upon-Avon College is the first college in the country to achieve the Training Quality Standard with excellence in Hospitality, Leisure, Travel and Tourism, in recognition of its outstanding work with employers.

This new qualification will provide opportunities for students to study aspects such as the hospitality industry, people in hospitality, hospitality operations and business and finance in hospitality. There are excellent links with a wide range of employers across the region.

**The course will also involve the completion of:**

- Functional Skills (English, ICT and Mathematics)
- Work Experience (minimum of ten days)
- Personal Learning and Thinking Skills
- A Project
- Additional and Specialist Learning (qualifications to be arranged)

**Principal Learning Assessment:**

Six units are internally assessed by assignment and one unit is externally assessed by examination.

**To Join the Course:**

3 GCSEs at grade D or above including English and Mathematics.

**Further Opportunities:**

Students may progress to the Advanced Diploma (Level 3) in Hospitality, BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Hospitality Management or a career in the hospitality industry.



## Public Services Level 3 Advanced Diploma

2 years full-time, equivalent to 3½ A Levels

**The course will involve the completion of:**

- Work Experience (minimum of ten days)
- Personal Learning and Thinking Skills
- An Extended Project
- Additional and Specialist Learning (an A Level or relevant BTEC Level 3 qualification)

**Further Opportunities:**

The Diploma will give you the skills you need for either university or work, and is a first step towards a career in Public Services. Employers and universities have been involved in designing the Diploma and it will certainly put you at an advantage when you are applying for opportunities within the industry.

Its mix of classroom learning and hands-on experience will give you a fully rounded education and prepare you for wherever you want to go in life. You will develop the skills that will be welcomed by colleges, universities and employers no matter what area of work you would eventually like to do.



## Society, Health and Development Level 2 Higher Diploma

1 year full-time, broadly equivalent to 7 GCSEs

Are you interested in getting involved in supporting other people? Do you want to learn about the care and development of other people? Do you want to find out more about health, social care, the children's service and community justice? If so, then this is the Diploma for you.

This qualification will provide opportunities for students to develop skills, attitudes and approaches which will enable them to meet their own aspirations and successfully work with, and for, others in the community and society in general.

**The course will also involve the completion of:**

- Functional Skills (English, ICT and Mathematics)
- Work Experience (minimum of ten days)
- Personal Learning and Thinking Skills
- A Project
- Additional and Specialist Learning (qualifications to be arranged)

**Assessment:**

Eight units are internally assessed by assignment. One unit is externally assessed by short answer paper.

**To Join the Course:**

3 GCSEs at grade D or above including English and Mathematics.

**Further Opportunities:**

Students may progress to the Advanced Diploma (Level 3) or the BTEC National Diploma in Children's Care, Learning and Development.



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## Society, Health and Development Level 3 Advanced Diploma

### 2 years full-time, equivalent to 3½ A Levels

The society, health and development sector accounts for 15% of the entire UK workforce. It includes the NHS, one of the world's largest employers, as well as many other jobs and careers. These include: the children's workforce (teachers, youth workers and nursery nurses), the community justice sector (community support officers, probation officers and youth offending teams), and adult social care (social workers and domiciliary care workers).

The Advanced Diploma in Society, Health and Development has been designed to introduce young people to this huge and diverse sector, and to help them understand and develop the skills needed to succeed within it.

People working in this sector are often dealing with some of the most vulnerable members of society and this Diploma will introduce the principles and values which underpin the different jobs. It shows how the services fit together and will teach them the importance of putting the individual at the centre of these services.

### The course will also involve the completion of:

- Work Experience (minimum of twenty days)
- Functional Skills (English, ICT and Mathematics)
- Personal Learning and Thinking Skills
- An Extended Project
- Additional and Specialist Learning (an A Level or relevant BTEC Level 3 qualification)

### Assessment:

Assessment is continuous. Two units will be assessed through externally set papers based around case studies and the remainder are assessed through relevant assignments.

### To Join the Course:

You will normally need at least one of the following:

- 5 GCSEs at grade C or above, including English and Mathematics
- Higher Diploma in Society, Health and Development
- CACHE Diploma in Child Care and Education at grade C and English and Mathematics GCSE at grade C
- BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Children's Care, Learning and Development with overall merit profile and English and Mathematics GCSE at grade C

Mature students without formal qualifications who show commitment to the subject area may join the course following a successful interview.

### Further Opportunities:

The Advanced Diploma will give you the skills to progress to a university Degree in Teaching, Community Justice, Dietetics, Nursing, Childhood Studies, Applied Criminology or Forensic Investigation. Or it could be the pathway to a career in Play Work, Victim Support, the Probation Service or Health Care.

