

Diploma in Creative and Media

Photographer Graphic Designer Web Producer Sound Editor Lighting Technician Choreographer Fashion Buyer Museum Education Adviser Exhibition Co-ordinator VJ Food Stylist Art Director Journalist Event Promoter Radio Presenter Box Office Manager Games Designer Street Theatre Performer Photographer Graphic Designer Web Producer Sound Editor Lighting Technician Choreographer Fashion Buyer Museum Education Adviser Exhibition Co-ordinator VJ Food Stylist Art Director Journalist Events Promoter Radio Presenter Box Office Manager Games Designer Street Theatre Performer Photographer Graphic Designer



Shaping success

for 14-19 year olds in Tower Hamlets



Whitechapel Gallery



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What is a Diploma?

The diploma is a brand new qualification. Diplomas are different from courses you may have taken before. Diplomas focus on the world of work and the skills you will need for employment as well as further learning.

As a diploma learner you will visit real workplaces, learn from professionals and use industry equipment. You will need to be prepared to travel. You may study with people you haven't met before (for example, from other schools in Tower Hamlets). Sometimes you will hook up using the latest IT facilities, sometimes in person.

Is the Diploma for me?

The diploma will suit you if:

- you're aged 14-19
- you're looking for a mix of classroom learning and practical experience
- you're keen to learn in new ways and in new places
- you can be creative, like solving problems and teamwork
- you want a real challenge

Diplomas offer a unique opportunity for schools and colleges working in partnership with local professional arts organisations to provide young people with a rich and varied hands-on curriculum experience - the first vital steps towards rewarding future careers in the arts.

Chris Elwell, Director, Half Moon Young People's Theatre

Why the Diploma in Creative and Media

Working in the Creative and Media industries can be exciting and glamorous. Very few people end up as major celebrities but you may have the talent to go all the way! You could be a lighting technician, a display designer or go into related administrative work. Many jobs in this field require you to go on to Higher Education. Even then, you may be expected to start at the bottom in quite routine work. You need determination as well talent to succeed in many types of creative work.

By opting for the Diploma in Creative and Media you will

- learn about the creative process and the things that can influence it
- explore ways to experiment with media, materials & techniques
- develop creative skills and processes to turn your ideas into reality
- complete real creative industry projects

What will I study?

Principal Learning

Knowledge and skills relevant to the Creative and Media industries.

Functional Skills

Applied learning in English, Maths and ICT.

Personal, Learning & Thinking Skills

These include team work, working on your own initiative, thinking creatively and reflecting on your learning.

Work Experience

A minimum 10 days placement related to or building on your diploma.

Project

Explore the Creative and Media sector in more depth according to your interests.

Additional & Specialist Learning

Choose an extra qualification which reflects your special interests (for example GCSEs in IT and Textiles or A level Music Technology).

An innovative model combining an arts venue and a home for creative businesses, Rich Mix looks forward to supporting the Creative and Media Diploma.

**Thalia Cassimatis, Education Officer,
Rich Mix.**

Where will I study?

The Creative and Media Diploma is available in Tower Hamlets at:

Foundation Diploma 16-19:

Tower Hamlets College

020 7510 7777 (advice line)

020 7510 7510 (switchboard)

Higher Diploma 14-19:

Central Foundation Girls' School

020 8983 1015

Higher Diploma 16-19:

Morpeth School

020 8981 0921

Advanced Diploma

Morpeth School

020 8981 0921

How long will it take?

If you're currently in Year 9, you can opt to study a diploma throughout years 10 and 11. You will spend a day and a half each week on diploma Principal Learning. You will spend the rest of your week studying Functional Skills, Additional & Specialist Learning and other core school subjects.

If you're in year 11 or you're considering 16+ options, the diploma will be your main programme. You could complete the Foundation or Higher Diploma in one year. Studying for a Progression or Advanced Diploma will normally take two years.

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UEL is excited to be part of the new 14-19 educational changes. The diploma offers learners an additional route into higher education and will equip them with a broad range of skills and competencies to take into the workplace or onto further study.

Professor Susan Price, Vice Chancellor, University of East London

Where can my Diploma lead?

The Diploma offers you excellent preparation for employment, further and Higher Education. Universities and employers have helped to design your diploma qualification and will support you to achieve it.

See below for the levels of qualification on offer in Tower Hamlets and what your next step might be:

Level	Equivalent to	Progress to
1 Foundation Diploma	5 GCSE passes	Level 2 qualifications Apprenticeship Employment with training
2 Higher Diploma	7 GCSEs grades A*-C	Level 3 qualifications Advanced Apprenticeship Employment with training
3 Progression Diploma	2 A levels	Advanced Diploma Employment with training Higher Education
3 Advanced Diploma	3.5 A levels	Higher Education Employment with training

For more information on diplomas, speak to your Connexions adviser or visit www.yp.direct.gov.uk/diplomas/

For more information on employment and learning opportunities in Tower Hamlets go to www.thelearninghub.org

At LSBU we greatly value the knowledge and skills you will acquire as a student on the diploma. This will provide you with excellent preparation for our degree courses.

**Professor Mike Molan, Executive Dean,
Faculty of Arts and Human Sciences
London South Bank University**