



# 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

The Joshua Galvin Academy is excited to support the diploma in Tower Hamlets. The Diploma in Hair and Beauty will help creative and motivated young people to gain a better understanding of industry and what it takes to be successful.

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## Why the Diploma in Hair and Beauty

The UK Hair and Beauty sector is expanding fast. There are opportunities to progress to senior practitioner or management roles if you have the creative flair and determination to succeed. There are good opportunities to start your own business.

By opting for the Diploma in Hair and Beauty Studies you will

- explore how fashion, music, race and religion influence hair styles and beauty routines
- find out what might be involved in running a salon, spa or barbershop
- learn the principles and techniques of hair, beauty and nail treatments
- get hands on experience in professional environments

## What will I study?

### Principal Learning

Knowledge and skills relevant to the Hair and Beauty industry.

### 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 Hair and Beauty sector in more depth according to your interests.

### Additional & Specialist Learning

Choose an extra qualification which reflects your special interests (for example GCSEs in Science, Design & Technology or A level Film Studies).

## Where will I study?

The Hair and Beauty Studies Diploma is available in Tower Hamlets at:

### Foundation Diploma: 14-19

**Tower Hamlets College (Atrium Academy of Hair and Beauty).**

020 7510 7777 (advice line)

020 7510 7510 (switchboard)

**Central Training Group,**

020 7613 445/020 7613 5047

### Higher Diploma: 14-19

**Tower Hamlets College (Atrium Academy of Hair and Beauty)**

**Central Training Group**

### Advanced Diploma

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## 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.



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/](http://www.yp.direct.gov.uk/diplomas/)

For more information on employment and learning opportunities in Tower Hamlets go to [www.thelearninghub.org](http://www.thelearninghub.org)

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