



# 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

Involvement within the community has always been high on Caribbean Scene's agenda. We are therefore very excited to be involved in the delivery of the Hospitality Diploma as it gives us an opportunity to give something back to the community whilst helping to shape tomorrow's workforce.

**Patrick Marché,  
Chairman & CEO, Caribbean  
Scene Restaurant & Bar**

## Why the Diploma in Hospitality

Over two million people work in the Hospitality industry. Some are fast food assistants but many more are chefs, event organisers or hotel managers. If you show that you are hard-working, there are plenty of opportunities for fast promotion. This is a growing industry where the best people move up the ladder very quickly.

By opting for the Diploma in Hospitality you will

- learn how to prepare, present and serve food and beverages
- learn how to set up and run a successful hospitality business
- understand the importance of customer service
- develop skills to work effectively with your colleagues and the public
- get hands on experience in real industry settings

Contract Services have been a keen supporter of the Hospitality Diploma for some time and have been working with schools and college locally to support this important change in education.

**Michael C Hales, Head of Children's  
Services, Contract Services**

## What will I study?

### Principal Learning

Knowledge and skills relevant to the Hospitality 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 Hospitality industry in more depth according to your interests.

### Additional & Specialist Learning

Choose an extra qualification which reflects your special interests (for example GCSEs in Art & Design and French or A level Economics).

The Hospitality Diploma gives Café Spice Namasté the opportunity to continue our work within the community and pass on our extensive expertise to students who are keen to learn and want to work in this industry.

**Cyrus Todiwala, Director,  
Café Spice Namasté**

## Where will I study?

### Foundation Diploma: 14-19

**Central Foundation Girls School**

020 8983 1015

**George Green's School**

020 7987 6032

### Higher Diploma: 14-19

**Mulberry School for Girls**

020 7790 6327

**Tower Hamlets College**

020 7510 7777 (advice line)

020 7510 7510 (switchboard)

### Advanced Diploma:

**London College of Catering**

020 7613 9123

## 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 Hospitality 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/](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)

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**