



Diploma in Information Technology

Web Designer IT Helpdesk Adviser Multimedia Analyst Computer Game
Designer Training & Development Officer Systems Engineer Entrepreneur
Communications Officer Project Manager Software Developer Intern
Business Owner Ecommerce Adviser Promotions Manager
Analyst Data & Intelligence Web Designer IT Helpdesk Adviser
Analyst Computer Games Designer Training & Development Officer
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Shaping success

for 14-19 year olds in Tower Hamlets



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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 will give pupils a headstart. They will open up real opportunities for combining academic and practical options to allow every young person to make the most of their talents, whether they are progressing to further study, work or an apprenticeship. I believe that diplomas could emerge as the jewel of our education system.

Ed Balls, Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families, at the Tower Hamlets launch of the Diploma in Information Technology.

Why the Diploma in Information Technology

The IT sector is rapidly changing and dynamic. Over a million people work in IT in the UK but there are still plenty of opportunities if you are flexible, independent and are not afraid of competition! IT is used in just about every industry you can think of from health, through to media, construction to finance. The Diploma in IT will help you to understand the importance of technology to all of these industries and gain skills to progress to a range of careers.

By opting for the Diploma in Information Technology you will

- explore the importance and use of technology within organisations
- learn how to deliver and manage successful technology projects
- create your own technology solutions for business problems
- gain the knowledge and skills to work effectively in a business environment

What will I study?

Principal Learning

Knowledge and skills relevant to the IT sector.

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 IT sector 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, Media Studies or A level Maths).

Diplomas contain the knowledge and skills needed for a head start in business life.

Sir Alan Jones, Chairman of Toyota.

Where will I study?

Foundation Diploma 14-16:

Bow School

0207 8980 0118

Foundation Diploma 16-19:

Tower Hamlets College

020 7510 7510

Higher Diploma 14-16

Stepney Green Maths and Computing College

020 7790 3634

Swanlea School

020 7375 3267

Higher Diploma 16-19

Bishop Challoner School

020 7790 6712

Advanced Diploma

Sir John Cass's Foundation & Redcoat School.

0207-790 6712

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/

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

Employers of IT professionals want talented individuals with the blend of business and technology skills that enable them to work effectively at the heart of the organisation. A key principle behind the diploma is that it will help to develop young people both for demanding university courses and rewarding, flexible careers.

Andy Hill, Head of Resourcing, Vodaphone.