



What is the Diploma in Sport and Active Leisure?

The Diploma in Sport and Active Leisure will prepare young people in England for higher and further education as well as the world of work, in an innovative and exciting way, ultimately producing the high calibre of young people that employers need to meet business objectives within the industry.

Who has been involved in Diploma development?

Universities, schools, colleges and employers have all been involved in the development of the Diploma in Sport and Active Leisure, in a bid to create what has the potential to become the 'flagship' qualification, as part of the 14-19 education reforms, for all 14-19 years olds wanting to enter the sport and active leisure sector in England.

Why is the government introducing these Diplomas?

As part of the government initiative for 14-19 educational reforms. The Diplomas are fundamental to the reforms set out in the 14-19 Education and Skills White Paper (February 2005). The Diplomas offer a wider choice of educational routes to young people so all can choose a combination of theoretical and practical styles of learning that motivate, interest and challenge them. The government aims to make Diplomas a national entitlement for all young people by 2013.

How does the Diploma fit with existing qualifications?

Diplomas are a valuable and nationally recognised qualification accepted by employers and HE institutions, and offer an attractive learning experience for young people.

Diplomas are an additional route for young people to study alongside apprenticeships, foundation learning tier, GCSEs or A levels. An advanced level Diploma could lead to progression into a related degree at university.

How will the Diploma prepare students for further study or employment?

The Diploma is designed to be as flexible as possible. The unique combination of classroom and work-related learning gives young people the opportunity to develop the skills and knowledge required for employment or further education.

What will the students learn?

The Diploma will be taught at three levels; foundation, higher and advanced.

Each level will incorporate principal learning based on developing the skills and knowledge of the sport and active leisure industry, generic learning based on basic teaching



of English, maths and ICT, and additional and specialist learning to focus study on a particular topic within the industry in more depth. The Diploma also incorporates a minimum of 10 days' experience of work, where young people have the opportunity to gain work-related skills and a project wherein students are able to demonstrate the project management skills they have gained throughout the qualification.

Why can't my child study the Diploma in Sport and Active Leisure at the moment?

Unfortunately the Diplomas were designed to be introduced in a phased approach to ensure maximum success. The Diploma in Sport and Active Leisure may be an option for them to study from September 2010.

Where can I get further information to help my child make the right choice for their future?

The Department of Children Schools and Families have a great interactive website with useful information for a young person, please visit www.direct.gov.uk/diploma

You can also learn more about the Diploma in Sport and Active Leisure at www.skillsactive.com/sal diploma

Resources & links

To find out more about the Diploma in Sport and Active Leisure including further guidance and support materials, please visit www.skillsactive.com/sal diploma

The Diploma offers young people the opportunity to gain the skills they need for the workplace, as well as the qualifications to continue onto college or university.