

The Diploma

Local progression opportunities to higher education from the Environmental and Land Based Studies Diploma

The Diploma is a new qualification which has been designed for students aged 14-19 and is set to become one of the three main educational choices – alongside GCSEs/A levels and Apprenticeships. Diplomas have been designed by employers and universities working together. They combine theory and practical learning which will give you the skills, knowledge and experience you will need to succeed at college, university or work.

The new Diplomas have been welcomed by the colleges and universities in Kent and Medway and they can provide you with a range of progression opportunities into higher education. Remember, although each Diploma focuses on a particular career area, it teaches a mix of subjects, giving a well-rounded education. This means that, just because you have chosen to study a Diploma in Environmental and Land Based Studies, you do not have to apply for a university course in this area. You might decide that you wanted to continue your studies in another area, such as Business or Photography. Applications to these, and many other courses, would be welcomed from Diploma students.

For more detailed information about any of the courses you are interested in, you should always look at the prospectus details, or call the admissions team at the college or university. They will be able to give you advice about any special requirements which a course may have. For some courses you will need to be able to demonstrate subject area knowledge at an advanced level. In these cases, you may need to present a specific Diploma unit, or to gain a particular grade in the specified principal learning units. In other instances, there may be specific requirements for you to have achieved certain GCSEs. The admissions teams will be very happy to advise you of any such entry requirements so please do make contact with them directly.

Here are what some of our local colleges and universities are saying about the Diploma:

The University of Greenwich actively encourages applications from students with the new Advanced Diploma

The University welcomes applications from students with the new 14-19 Diploma qualification – Canterbury Christ Church University

The University for the Creative Arts will be happy to consider applications from holders of the new 14-19 Advanced Diplomas seeking admission to the university in 2010

If you do wish to continue your studies in areas related to the Environmental and Land Based Studies Diploma, here is a selection of the courses on offer at our local colleges and universities which may be of interest to you. All of the courses listed below would welcome applications from students with the diploma in Environmental and Land Based Studies.

Canterbury Christ Church University

- BSc (Honours) Animal Science
- BSc (Honours) Biosciences
- BA (Honours) Ecology and Conservation
- BSc (Honours) Environmental Biology
- BSc (Honours) Environmental Science

University of Kent

- BA (Honours) Environmental Social Science
- BA (Honours) Urban Studies

University of Greenwich

- BSc (Honours) International Agriculture
- BSc (Honours) Sustainable Land Management
- BSc (Honours) Animal Management
- BSc (Honours) Applied Animal Behavioural Science and Welfare
- BSc (Honours) Environmental Science
- BA (Honours) Human Geography

Canterbury College

- HND in Applied Animal Sciences

Hadlow College

- BSc (Honours) Equine Management
- Foundation Degree in Animal Conservation and Bio-diversity
- Foundation Degree in Sustainable Land Management
- Foundation Degree in Amenity Horticulture
- Foundation Degree in Countryside Management
- Foundation Degree in Equine Science
- HND Garden Design
- HND Landscape Management (Land Use)
- HND Commercial Horticulture
- HND Medicinal Horticulture

Mid Kent College

- Foundation Degree in Life Science Laboratory Technology and Bio-manufacturing

The Open University in the South East

- BA/BSc
- BA (Honours)

Remember, these are not the only options that are open to you. There are a large range of courses available locally that can provide you with exciting progression opportunities. For more information on all of the course options available, contact the colleges and universities directly, or visit the UCAS website www.ucas.com



The Kent and Medway LLN is a network of the colleges and universities in Kent, working in partnership to promote the progression of vocational learners into and through higher education