

# The Diploma

## Local progression opportunities to higher education from the Information Technology 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 Information Technology, 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 Creative Writing. 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 Information Technology 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 Information Technology.

### **Canterbury Christ Church University**

- BSc (Honours) Business Computing
- BSc (Honours) Computing
- BA (Honours) Digital Culture, Arts and Media
- BA (Honours) Web Design (at Broadstairs)
- BA (Honours) Video and Motion Graphics (at Broadstairs)
- BSc (Honours) Forensic Computing
- BSc (Honours) Internet Computing

### **University of Kent**

- BSc (Honours) Business Computing with a year in Industry
- BSc (Honours) Computer Science with Artificial Intelligence
- BSc (Honours) Business Information Technology (at Medway)
- BSc (Honours) Information Technology with a year in Industry (at Medway)

### **University of Greenwich**

- BSc (Honours) Internet Engineering and Web Management (Medway)
- BSc (Honours) Computing (Medway)
- BSc (Honours) Games and Entertainment Systems Software Engineering (Medway)
- BSc (Honours) Computer Networking (Medway)
- BSc (Honours) Information and Communications Technology (Medway)

### **Canterbury College**

- Foundation Degree in Computer-Aided Design and 3D Animation

### **Mid Kent College**

- Foundation Degree in Information Technology

### **North West Kent College**

- Foundation Degree in Computer Systems and Networking

### **South Kent College**

- Foundation Degree in Computing

### **West Kent College**

- Foundation Degree in Computing

### **The Open University in the South East**

- BSc (Honours) Computing with Business
- BSc (Honours) Computing and Mathematical Sciences
- Certificate in Web Application Development
- Foundation Degree in Information and Communication Technologies

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](http://www.ucas.com)

