

The Diploma

Local progression opportunities to higher education from the Society, Health and Development 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 Society, Health and Development, 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 Legal Studies. 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

If you do wish to continue your studies in areas related to the Society, Health and Development 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 Society, Health and Development.

Canterbury Christ Church University

- BSc (Honours) Occupational Therapy
- BSc (Honours) Health Studies
- BA (Honours) Early Childhood Studies
- BSc (Honours) Nursing Studies
- BSc (Honours) Midwifery
- BSc (Honours) Police Studies
- BA (Honours) Social Work

University of Kent

- BA (Honours) Social Sciences
- BA (Honours) Social Policy
- BA (Honours) Health and Social Care
- BA (Honours) Criminal Justice Studies

University of Greenwich

- BSc (Honours) Criminal Justice and Legal Studies (at Greenwich)
- BA (Honours) Criminology (at Greenwich)
- BA (Honours) Childhood Studies (at Avery Hill)
- BA (Honours) Primary Education with Qualified Teacher Status (at Avery Hill)
- BSc (Honours) Public Health (at Avery Hill)
- BSc (Honours) Nursing (Medway)
- BA (Honours) Law and Sociology (at Greenwich)
- BA (Honours) Youth and Community Studies (at Avery Hill)

Canterbury College

- Foundation Degree in Health and Social Care

North West Kent College

- Foundation Degree Health and Social Care
- Foundation Degree Early Years

West Kent College

- Foundation Degree Early Years

The Open University in the South East

- BA/BSc in Health and Social Care
- BA (Honours) Childhood and Youth Studies
- Certificate in Health Sciences
- Foundation Degree Health and Social Care

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

