



REDCAR &  
CLEVELAND  
COLLEGE

RAISING ASPIRATIONS  
EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS

**Diploma courses**  
14-19 YEAR OLDS



## Study for a Diploma at a 'good' college

The Diplomas, designed for 14-19 year olds, are exciting new qualifications based on a hands-on style of learning. You'll enjoy learning in different environments, including the workplace, choosing to study subjects that interest you and tackling challenging projects.

By studying on a Diploma course at Redcar & Cleveland College, you'll be choosing to study at one of the best performing colleges in the region – having been graded a 'good' college in a recent Ofsted report.

Our fantastic facilities include outstanding learning spaces, the highest quality professional salons, workshops, laboratories and IT suites.

Redcar & Cleveland College will offer the following Diplomas from September 2010:

- Construction and the Built Environment
- Retail Business
- Engineering
- Hair and Beauty Studies

- Society, Health and Development
- Travel and Tourism

### How will I study for a Diploma?

At Redcar & Cleveland College, our modern building and friendly approach provides the ideal environment for delivery of these exciting qualifications:

- For those aged 14, we will work together with local secondary schools to offer the courses to



learners alongside their school-based GCSEs. This will be discussed with you as part of Year 9 Options

- For 16-18 year olds the Diplomas will be a full-time one or two-year programme

On a Diploma course, you'll develop skills such as communication, problem solving, creative thinking and project management, as well as English, Maths and ICT - which employers and universities really value.

There are three levels of Diploma:

- Foundation (equivalent to five GCSEs grade D-G)
- Higher (equivalent to five GCSEs grade A\*-C)
- Advanced (equivalent to three and a half A-levels)

The level that you study will depend on your age and results.

## Will universities accept young people with a Diploma?

Yes, the Advanced Diploma is the same as three and a half A-levels. You'll get the research and analytical skills you need to do a degree course at university, and you'll have the knowledge and life skills they're looking for. Many universities see the Diploma as excellent preparation for university courses.



**The Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment allows you to learn in our new, fully-equipped workshops within the purpose-built construction area – giving you access to a wide range of outstanding resources.**

You'll be involved in practical activities, such as site visits and the planning and building of prestigious projects.

With a Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment, you could study for a degree in construction management, building services, engineering, housing practice, planning or architecture.



You could develop a career as a: building services contractor, construction worker, electrician, engineer or property developer.

### **Foundation Diploma**

You'll learn construction methods and techniques, and how the built environment affects people and communities. You'll also learn about maintaining buildings and structures.

### **Higher Diploma**

Units covered include:

- The design process
- Materials and structures
- Applying design principles
- Structures



- Using tools
- Communities
- Facilities management

### **Advanced Diploma**

You'll develop hands-on experience of managing projects, creating and interpreting technical specifications and performing risk or environmental assessments. You will also develop other valuable skills such as time management, working independently, and as part of a team.



**The Diploma in Retail Business** takes you behind the shop front to explore every stage of the retail process. This includes the ethical sourcing of products globally, managing distribution centres and arranging the logistics for distribution. Students will review how best to sell products using traditional or virtual retail environments.

A Diploma in Retail Business could lead you to study for a university degree in subjects such as: business studies and law, hospitality management, marketing, logistics or retail management.

Career options might include: visual merchandising, fashion buying, logistics, warehousing or retail management.

### **Foundation Diploma**

You'll gain a broad overview of retailing and the retail environment. You'll learn about the importance of enterprise, the retail supply chain and how retail outlets work, as well as selling and customer service techniques.

### **Higher Diploma**

Units covered include:

- Exploring retail channels
- Sourcing and buying for product

ranges of retail business

- Planning the operation of retail outlets
- Stock control in retail business
- Customer service in retail business
- Selling in retail business

### **Advanced Diploma**

You will set up your own retail outlet and be involved in marketing, product design, visual merchandising and the training of staff.



**“The Engineering Diploma course has been an amazing opportunity to meet new people and learn new things.”**

Shaun Scott  
Redcar Community College



**Redcar & Cleveland College works in close partnership with TTE in delivering the Engineering Diploma, to ensure the learner experiences engineering practices in a realistic engineering environment.**

We realise the need for teamwork and team building, and organise educational visits to real work environments and training centres to ensure students receive up to date information on technologies, inventions, and team leadership.

By studying for a Diploma in Engineering, university progression routes might include aeronautical,



automotive or building services engineering courses.

There is also a range of career options available in the engineering industry such as: civil, mechanical or electrical engineering.

### **Foundation Diploma**

At this introductory stage, you'll learn how engineering has shaped the world in which we live, and how to produce simple engineering drawings and diagrams. You'll discover the impact of recycling – looking at how products are recycled or safely disposed of at the end of their useful life.



### Higher Diploma

Units covered include:

- Exploring the engineering world
- Investigating engineering design
- Engineering applications of computers
- Producing engineering solutions
- Electrical and electronic circuits and systems
- Application of manufacturing techniques in engineering
- Applications of maintenance techniques in engineering

- Exploring engineering innovation, enterprise and technological advancements

### Advanced Diploma

You'll discover how engineering businesses operate, their processes, and the internal and external factors that affect them. You'll develop and apply the use of computer-aided design (CAD) in a range of engineering contexts, and learn how to apply mathematical and scientific principles in engineering analysis, design and problem solving.

**“The Diploma course is completely different to anything we do at school, I love coming here!”**

Mellisa Haigh  
Bydales School



**“There are many great things about the course, but mostly I love learning about something that I want to do. Also, the people we meet are great.”**

Abi Spencer  
Laurence Jackson School



**The Diploma in Hair and Beauty Studies combines general education, job specific theory, background knowledge and selected practical experience related to hair and beauty.**

Redcar & Cleveland College has its own commercial salon, TS10, which provides a real working environment with the latest equipment and facilities.

The Hair and Beauty Diploma will help students make informed choices whilst exploring a range of related careers and opportunities.



For example, you may get involved in organising a fashion show or exhibition.

A Diploma in Hair and Beauty Studies means you could study for a university degree in a range of subjects such as: biology, dermatology or business management.

Job opportunities range from hairdressing, make-up artistry or business management.



### Foundation Diploma

You'll learn how an individual's personality or culture can be expressed through their appearance, and develop skills in managing hair, skin, hands and nails. You'll be given an insight into the industry and what affects consumer spending.

- Communication and client care within hair and beauty
- History of hair and beauty in society
- Promoting and selling hair and beauty products and services by professional recommendation

### Higher Diploma

Units covered include:

- Safe and healthy working practices in hair and beauty
- The world of hair and beauty
- The science of hair and beauty
- Salon business systems and processes within hair and beauty
- Exploring skin care and make up
- Exploring hair care and styling
- Exploring hand care and nail art

### Advanced Diploma

You'll research and evaluate the business, management, manufacturing and media aspects of the hair and beauty sector.



**A Diploma in Society, Health and Development could lead to a very rewarding career working with people.**

It will also give you the skills you need for university, where you could study childhood studies, dietetics, nursing, community justice, applied criminology or forensic investigation.

Career opportunities in the area of society, health and development include teaching, youth work, nursery teaching, working for the police or youth offending teams or social and care work.



### **Foundation Diploma**

You'll learn how an organisation applies their values in their everyday work, and develop the essential skills to do this.

### **Higher Diploma**

Units covered include:

- Principles, values and personal development
- Working together and communicating
- Safeguarding and protecting individuals
- Growth, development and healthy living
- Needs and preference



- Antisocial and offending behaviour
- Supporting children and young people
- Patient centred health
- The social model of disability

### **Advanced Diploma**

You'll develop experience in partnership and teamwork, and learn about communication and information sharing within and across organisations in this sector. You'll also discover how vulnerable adults and children can be kept safe.



**The Diploma in Travel and Tourism will give you a good insight into the industry, as well as the skills you need for university, and is a first step towards a career in the sector.**

Diploma students can access Gate 7 – a simulated travel agent environment to develop the relevant skills, knowledge and analytical abilities in context to make learning more interesting and motivating. External visits to both national and international destinations will also be a part of the Diploma.

With a Diploma in Travel and Tourism, university progression

routes include studying subjects in the areas of: travel operations and the aviation industry.

Job opportunities might include: transport planning, air traffic control, adventure tourism, business studies or hospitality.

### **Foundation Diploma**

You'll be given a general introduction to the industry, plan journeys and destinations and develop experience working in travel and tourism.

### **Higher Diploma**

Units covered will include:

- Journeys and destinations in travel and tourism

- The UK travel and tourism sector
- The customer experience in travel and tourism
- Employment opportunities in travel and tourism
- Travel and tourism business environments
- Promotion and sales in travel and tourism

### **Advanced Diploma**

You'll study changes and trends across the industry, images and perceptions, and products and services. You'll look at political, economic and environmental influences, and the impact of technology.

# NEXT STEPS

## 1. Choose your course

If you're unsure what you want to do next, we can make arrangements for you to see our Careers Guidance Advisor. You can also talk to tutors in the subject areas you are interested in. We'll help you to decide what course is best for you. Call Student Services on **01642 473132**.

## 2. Make an application

If you are in Year 9 submit your application by using the Diploma Application Form through your Key Stage 4 options choices. Please be aware of the deadlines on the application forms. If you are a school leaver then submit your application by filling in the application form at the back of the Full-time Prospectus.

## 3. Come in for an interview

Once we have your application we will arrange an interview with you. You'll get the chance to ask lots of questions and can bring your parents along too.

## 4. Enrol

Once you've received your offer of a place on a course and you have accepted, we'll keep in touch with you until the time for enrolment. You'll be invited to college events and will get a chance to get to know staff and other students before your course starts.



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