

SPORT & ACTIVITY LEISURE DIPLOMA – Information for SPAA

- Diploma is a new qualification for 14-19 year olds, which has been rolled out since 2008.
- Diploma focuses on creative, work-related learning styles and each one is linked to an area of employment.
- Diplomas are available at Level 1. (equivalent to 5 GCSE's at Grades D-G). Level 2 (equivalent to 7 GCSE's at Grades A+ - C) and Level 3 (equivalent to 3 ½ A Levels). Students continue to study to core curriculum.
- Blessed Trinity is leading on the introduction of Sport and Active Leisure Diploma which will be taught from September 2012.
- Schools/Colleges have to apply to deliver the Diplomas and the Sport and Active Leisure Application is to be submitted in October 2010.
- Each diploma line is required to engage a ranged of 'linked' employers.
- There are no specific roles/responsibilities for employers but ways in which employers could engage include:
 - Facilitating work placements
 - Offering work place 'taster sessions'
 - Coaching/mentoring students
 - Giving talks to groups of studentsWe would be happy to hear any other suggestions which may be mutually beneficial
- In the first instance all we require is a verbal indication of commitment to be involved. Involvement will not be onerous.
- Later in the year we may hold a meeting to update employers on progress/plans if that is what employers want.
- The diplomas website is www.dcsf.gov.uk/14-19