

Useful links for more information and where to get advice

<http://yp.direct.gov.uk/diplomas/>

www.mychoicelondon.co.uk

www.cfbt.com/wayahead/westlondon.aspx

It is also strongly recommended that you talk to your institution's Connexions Personal Adviser or Career Adviser who will be able to give you impartial advice and guidance. This will help you make an informed decision on whether or not the diploma is suitable for you.

Remember you can also get advice from the Connexions One Stop Shop at 181 King Street, Hammersmith, W6 9JT. Tel: 020 8741 2441. Open Monday to Friday 9.30am-5.00pm, Tuesday & Thursday 9.30am-7pm.

How do you get on to the Society, Health and Development Diploma?

You must have a level of independence and enterprise as this course covers both theoretical and practical experiences in school, college and with employers.

For the **Higher Diploma** you need to have reached at least a level 5 in English, maths and science at the end of Year 9.

For the **Advanced Diploma** you need to have gained C grade or above in English, maths and science GCSE plus two other GCSEs (or equivalents at D grade or above).

Hammersmith and Fulham Consortium

The Hammersmith and Fulham Consortium is a partnership of the local authority, local schools; Ealing, Hammersmith and West London College; the Kingwood City Learning Centre; work based learning providers; employers; universities and other near-by London boroughs. Through joint planning and delivery the Consortium delivers the following diploma lines of learning:

- Business, Administration and Finance
- Hair and Beauty Studies
- Information Technology
- Society Health and Development
- Retail Business (from 2010)

An excellent working partnership with the London Borough of Ealing has meant that Hammersmith and Fulham students are also able to access the Ealing-led diploma lines in the following areas:

- Construction and the Built Environment
- Hospitality
- Creative and Media (from 2010)
- Sport and Active Leisure (from 2010)
- Travel and Tourism (from 2011)



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The diploma in...

Society Health and Development 2009/2010

The
Diploma
Bringing learning to life

Why do the Society Health and Development Diploma?

You will be studying four of the most important sectors in the UK that are involved in the caring and development of the people around us: **the children's workforce; the health industry; the community justice sector** and the **adult social care sector**.

You will explore the political, social and economic factors that affect the four sectors today; the values and principles that underpin and inform practice; partnership working across the sectors. It will help you to learn the skills that are important to work successfully in these areas: problem solving, team working, communication and creative thinking.

You could be meeting healthcare scientists, community police officers, adult social care workers, mental health specialists, those working with children, and those in the justice system such as members of the prison service. A key aspect of the diploma is learning through employer-led activities and challenges where you will face real-life work situations.

Where can you go with a Society Health and Development Diploma?

| Course name | Level | | A.Level or GCSE Equivalents |
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| Diploma in Society, Health and Development | Advanced | 3 | 3.5 A Levels |
| | Higher | 2 | 7 GCSEs Grade A*-C (8.5 including Functional Skills) |
| | Foundation | 1 | 5 GCSEs Grade D-G (6.25 including Functional Skills) |

A **Diploma in Society Health and Development** will give you the skills you need for either university or work and is a first step towards a career in the sector. It could lead you to a university degree in childhood studies, dietetics, nursing, community justice, applied criminology or forensic investigation. Or it could help you begin a career as a teacher, play worker, a healthcare scientist, a probation officer or a victim support worker, depending on what you are interested in.

However, the Diploma in Society Health and Development doesn't mean you have to opt for a career in this sector. A Diploma teaches a mix of subjects, it will give you the skills that will be welcomed by colleges, universities and employers, no matter what you choose to do.

Remember: Your Connexions Personal Adviser or school/college careers adviser will help you understand where you can progress to with a diploma qualification and, if you have a particular career or university course in mind, to help with your choice of additional/specialist learning.

The Challenge

To get the full Diploma you will need to successfully complete a range of components: **Principal Learning; the Project; Work Experience; Personal Learning and Thinking Skills; Additional/Specialist Learning**. You will also have to gain Functional Skills in English, Maths and ICT.

Work experience is an essential part of this course as it will help to give you the employability skills that you will need for the future.

Your Additional/Specialist Learning component can be relevant to your Diploma subject or something that reflects your other interests and career ambitions – such as a language, a science or a creative subject.

Who is offering the Society Health and Development Diploma in the Hammersmith and Fulham Consortium?

William Morris Sixth Form

(Higher and Advanced for 16-19 year olds).
Apply directly to WMSF Admissions Office on 020 8748 6969.

Ellen Wilkinson School for Girls

(Higher for 16-18 year olds) apply directly to school.

Fulham Cross Girls' School

(Higher for 14-16 year olds) apply directly to school.

Please note: There will be limited availability to these courses in 2009/10 and 2010/11 for 14-16 year olds. Please check with your school to see if they are a participating institution.