

# Leicester City Diplomas

The Foundation and Higher Diplomas in Environmental and Land Based Studies



## Brief Course description

The Environmental and Land Based Diploma introduces key themes of related to the Environmental and Land Based industry. You will learn what the Environmental and Land Based industry is all about and examine the different opportunities it has to offer. As well as understanding the theory behind the Environmental and Land Based industry, you will learn practical skills and develop an ability to solve problems and work as part of a team. The course will open up a wide range of educational, training and career opportunities. You will also develop your English, Maths and ICT skills to a good standard.

## You should consider this course if you would like:

- An alternative to GCSE options.  
(You will still need to do the main GCSE's)
- A big qualification with a variety of units
- A course with practical and theoretical applications
- A broad understanding of the Environmental and Land Based industry
- A minimum of 10 days work experience
- A good progression route to higher level courses
- A course supported by industry and Higher Education
- A course with good employment prospects
- Experience of Further Education



Foundation Level is for those who are working towards GCSE grades D-G. Higher Level is for those working towards GCSE A\* - C.

## What will I learn?

You will study and experience the following **Principal Learning** topics:

- The Environment
- Working safely in the Environmental and Land Based industry
- Working with plants
- Working with animals
- Impacts on the Environment (Foundation Level)
- The importance of a sustainable Environmental (Higher Level)
- Monitoring and caring for the Environment
- Sources and uses of energy (Higher Level)



## Generic Learning

Here you will develop your skills in English, Maths and ICT (Functional skills) You will also develop your personal learning and thinking skills (PLTS) and complete a project which demonstrates your skills and knowledge of the subject, for example, investigating the Environmental and Land Based industry through visits to employers, and working as part of a team in a realistic working environment.

You will also be given the opportunity to study **additional, specialist subjects**, or take an additional GCSE part of your Programme.

## **Where will I learn?**

You will study both at school and at College. Also you will take part in visits to Environmental and Land based organisations.

You will be required to take part in a minimum of 10 days of work experience at an Environmental and Land Based employer, where you will gain valuable additional skills and knowledge, including interpersonal skills.

## **How will I be taught?**

You will have opportunities to experience different styles of learning in different Environments and with an emphasis on practical work. Employers will set challenge projects and exercises that you will be able to complete individually and by working in groups to find solutions.

## **How will I be assessed?**

Most units will be assessed by your teachers and will be based on your practical, assignment and project based work. Employers will also help to assess your work particularly if they have set a project for you to complete. There will be one or 2 units where you will need to take an external test but the emphasis for the whole course is about continuous assessment by your teachers.

## **What can I do after this course?**

Whatever level of diploma you study for at KS4, the diploma is designed to broaden your horizons and give you a wide range of next step options.

There is an advanced level Hospitality diploma at post 16 which is equal to 3.5 A levels.

However you could progress onto an Apprenticeship, or A levels which may not be related to the Environmental and Land Based industry.

A diploma does not mean you will be committed to a career in the Environmental and Land Based industry as the diploma has been carefully designed to give you relevant transferable skills that will be welcomed by colleges, universities and employers.

## **What is this course “worth”?**

Level 1 is for those who are working at GCSE grades D-G and is equivalent to 5-6 GCSEs D-G.

Level 2 is for those working at GCSE A\* - C and is equivalent to 6-7 GCSEs A\* -C.

## **Entry requirements/skills needed**

It is also very important that you have:

- An interest in the Environmental and Land Based industry
- A good attendance and punctuality record
- A good behaviour record
- Adequate literacy and numeracy skills

You will need to discuss with your teacher, which level of Diploma will be most appropriate for you. You will need to show that you have the potential to achieve at level 1 or 2, including functional Maths, English and ICT.

## **Employer links?**

You will have the opportunity to visit, and/or attend work placement at a number of local employers, including:

- Leicester Parks and Green Space Services
- Leicester Botanical gardens
- Watermead Country Park
- Business Units at Brooksby Melton College