

North Charnwood Diplomas

The Foundation and Higher Diplomas in Hospitality



Brief Course description

The Diploma in Hospitality introduces key themes related to Hospitality and Catering. You will learn what the Hospitality and Catering industry is all about and examine the different opportunities it has to offer. As well as understanding the theory behind Hospitality and Catering, 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 Hospitality and Catering industry
- 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
- A minimum of 10 days work experience

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

What will I learn?

You will study 7 units at Foundation level and 8 at Higher level.

- Exploring the Hospitality industry and the importance of customer service and working safely
- Working in a Hospitality team – the importance of effective teamwork
- Understanding and dealing with business aspects of the Hospitality industry (Higher Level only)
- Food preparation – cooking in industry standard kitchens
- Food service – providing service in a Restaurant situation

As part of your diploma course, 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 Hospitality and Catering 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 related to Hospitality and Catering, eg. Food Safety qualification, a Health & Safety qualification or take an additional GCSE as part of your programme.



Where will I learn?

You will study both at school and at Loughborough College. Also you will take part in visits to Hotels, Restaurants etc and Universities.

You will be required to undertake a minimum of 10 days of work experience in the Futures Restaurant and kitchen at Loughborough College and/or at an employer's premises

How will I be taught?

You will have opportunities to experience different styles of learning in different environments and with an emphasis on work related learning. Employers will set challenging projects and exercises that you will be able to complete individually or by working in a team.

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 Hospitality and Catering industry. A diploma does not mean you will be committed to a career in the Hospitality and Catering 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 recommended you have:

Foundation (Level 1) –SATs minimum score of 12 in English, Science, and Maths

Higher (Level 2) – SATs minimum score of 17 in English, Maths and Science

It is also very important that you have:

- An interest in the Hospitality and Catering industry
- A good attendance and punctuality record
- A good behaviour record
- Adequate literacy and numeracy skills

Employer links?

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

- Futures Restaurant, Loughborough
- Sundial Group, Hotels and Leisure
- Holiday Inn, Leicester
- The Observatory Restaurant
- Stoke City Football Club
- Loughborough University