

The 3rd National Conference on

Delivering Diplomas: Breaking Down the Lines

This conference is a follow-up to the very successful Delivering Diplomas one-day events hosted by **SecEd** in the last academic year.

Sponsored once again by the QCA, this time we are hosting a one-day workshop-style event on the eve of the autumn term for schools, colleges and consortia that are delivering one or more of the first five Diploma lines of learning.

We will give you one-on-one access to a range of Diploma experts to discuss your delivery plans and ask any crucial last-minute questions. You will also receive the latest news on Diploma development and delivery from experts, including QCA chief executive Dr Ken Boston, and practitioners in the field.

The event will offer line-specific advice with the chance for you to speak to representatives from Diploma development partnerships, examination boards, the National Assessment Agency, QCA and DCSF. There will also be a specific focus on each of the three Diploma components: Principal Learning, Generic Learning, and Additional and Specialist Learning.

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09.00 – 09.25 **Registration and refreshments**

09.25 – 09.30 **Chairman's introduction**
George Turnbull, Exams Doctor

09.30 – 10.10 **Keynote address**
Dr Ken Boston, Chief Executive, QCA

Dr Boston will head up **SecEd**'s Third Delivering Diplomas conference with a crucial keynote address that will be his last public speech before Diploma delivery. The title and content is currently being prepared and will be confirmed.

10.10 – 10.40 **Principal Learning:**
A window on the world
Teresa Bergin, Head of Diploma, QCA

This session will give delegates an idea of where they should be in terms of Principal Learning. What is the vision for Principal Learning? Where should consortia be now in terms of curriculum and delivery? What last-minute advice can be given? How can consortia develop their Diploma offer over the coming months? What is the latest advice and guidance around assessment?

10.40 – 11.40 **Line-specific workshops:**
Principal Learning

The chance for you to quiz experts from exam boards, DCSE, QCA, the National Assessment Agency, and Diploma development partnerships on the topic of Principal Learning. This will be an informal session enabling you to roam around the various representatives on offer. You will have time to focus on more than one line and address all your questions about the delivery of principal learning.

11.40 – 12.00 **Refreshments and exhibition viewing**

12.00 – 12.30 **Generic Learning:**
A core of skills learning
Speaker to be confirmed

This session will give delegates an idea of where they should be in terms of Generic Learning. It will include a focus on functional skills and the extended project and offer last-minute advice on delivering these two key areas. The session will also cover personal, learning and thinking skills, and explain how the different skills components within Generic Learning come together to equip young people effectively for any future learning or employment pathway.

Objectives

The 3rd Delivering Diplomas

conference will provide delegates with:

- One-on-one access through "carousel workshop sessions" to line-specific experts from all major Diploma-delivering exam boards and Diploma development partnerships. This will enable you to question these experts about your specific needs
- Access to experts from the National Assessment Agency, the DCSE, the QCA and others.
- The latest updates from keynote speakers, including Dr Ken Boston, on each of the three Diploma components: Principal Learning, Generic Learning, and Additional and Specialist Learning.
- Practical solutions that can be taken away and put into action straightaway.
- Access to pre- and post-conference support through **SecEd**
- The chance to hear from fellow practitioners and other experts who are undertaking innovative and pathfinding work

Who should attend?

- Headteachers
- School leaders
- Teachers involved in delivering Diplomas
- Local authority representatives
- Diploma business partners
- Other consortia members

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12.30 – 13.30 **Line-specific workshops: Generic Learning**

The chance for you to quiz experts from exam boards, DCSE, QCA, the National Assessment Agency, and Diploma development partnerships on Generic Learning. This will be an informal session enabling you to once again roam around the representatives on offer. You will have time to focus on the different aspects of Generic Learning, from work experience to functional skills.

13.30 – 14.15 **Lunch and exhibition viewing**

14.15 – 14.45 **Additional and Specialist Learning: Choice, flexibility and progression**

QCA and examining body speaker TBC

This address will explain how the Additional and Specialist Learning component of the Diploma can offer students choice to broaden or deepen their learning, whether or not they have a particular progression route in mind. It will provide an update on various policy developments relating to the ongoing development of Additional and Specialist Learning qualifications.

14.45 – 15.15 **Refreshments and exhibition viewing**

15.15 – 15.45 **Ready for delivery**

Fiona Jordan, Deputy Director 14 to 19 Diploma Division, DCSE

Fiona Jordan runs the Diploma programme at the Department. This session will tie everything together that delegates will have heard over the day and will include last-minute advice from the Department to delegates who will begin delivering Diplomas later that week. The session will also give a forward-look – what can we expect from Diplomas over the coming weeks, months, and years.

15.45 – 16.30 **Extended panel debate & questions and answers**

The end-of-day panel debates have proved incredibly useful to delegates attending previous Delivering Diplomas conferences and so we are facilitating an extended debate to round up the day's discussions. Once again, representatives from throughout the day will come together to provide delegates with a range of experts to quiz on whatever subject they want. We will facilitate specific questions and offer feedback after the event as well.

16.30 **Close of day**

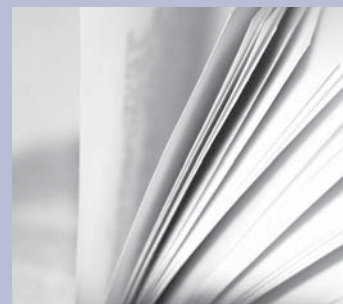
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