

# 14-19 NEWSLETTER



## Welcome

There have been some developments on identifying UCAS points for the New Diplomas.

## Learner Entitlement, Area Wide Prospectus, My Plan 4 Life

The **Learner Entitlement** document has been circulated to all schools in the Authority and the focus now is to ensure that this is successfully implemented to meet the needs of all our learners. A Special Educational Needs version currently being produced.

To support this, the **Area Wide Prospectus** is now available on-line and gives information relating to all programmes available in this area. Go to <http://woportal.futures4me.com/> and select your area.

Another useful tool to support this is **Myplan4life/plan-it** which allows learners to identify their skills, qualities and ambitions, build cvs and look at career options etc. Currently available within all schools for 14-16 year olds with a pilot just being launched for post 16 learners.

To look at this go to: [www.myplan4life.org](http://www.myplan4life.org) - log in needed which is available through school and at [www.s-cool.co.uk/planit](http://www.s-cool.co.uk/planit).

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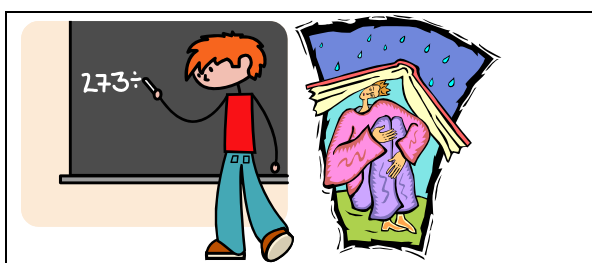
## ALAN (Adult Literacy & Numeracy)

The eight schools who introduced ALAN to Year 11 students increased their overall points score by between 2 and 5 %. All schools are now registered to run ALAN courses.

## Functional Skills

These practical skills are the core elements of English, Mathematics and ICT that provide an individual with the essential knowledge, skills and understanding to enable them to operate confidently, effectively and independently in life and at work. Their development has been influenced by the needs of both employers and HE Institutions and they are seen by Government as essential "to address employers' concerns that young people are not achieving a firm enough grounding in the basics."

They are for all learners irrespective of what else they are studying and will be part of all 14-19 qualifications from 2010 - GCSEs, Diplomas, Apprenticeships and other study routes. They have been incorporated into the revised KS3 and KS4 curricula and can also stand alone.





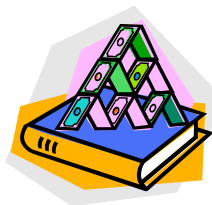
## Vocational Curriculum

Vocational programmes being delivered in our schools have increased from 16 in 2004 to over 80 in 2007 – an increase of 400% which demonstrates the breadth of qualifications on offer in S. Glos.

We have recently secured funding from LSN for 2 days consultancy support in each of 10 vocational areas. This support will be focused on those teachers already demonstrating good practice in each vocational area with a view to developing some Best Practice that can be shared in S. Glos. The programme will culminate in a Vocational Showcase in July where this work can be displayed and discussed.

We have also obtained 5 days consultancy support to develop KS4 accredited learning packages for those with restricted attendance, eg Travellers' children, PRU, or Level 2 programmes for post 16.

For further information please contact Pam Hayes.



## Foundation Learning Tier

The LSC and QCA are working together to revise provision below Level 2. There has been concern that the 'gap' from Entry to level 2 is too large and complex. By 2010 a revised set of credit-based units and qualifications will be in place with clear progression routes through Entry Level and Level 1 to Level 2. The purpose of this is to raise participation and achievement amongst learners and help them to progress through work and life. This programme is known as the Foundation Learning Tier.

## Young Apprenticeships

Programme for Cohort 5 gets green light!



The local LSC has just notified providers that they have been successful in gaining funding for the above programme to run from September 2008.

For learners in South Gloucestershire this means that there are places available at:

Reflections – Level 2 City & Guilds Hairdressing Diploma

Filton College – Sports Management, Leadership and Coaching Level 2 City & Guilds Diploma in Sport and Leisure

10 places for City & Guilds Certificate in Engineering at Level 2

Details for each programme are contained in the latest version of the South Gloucestershire Directory of Flexible Learning Opportunities – Nos 5, 6 and 33. (Copies in all schools)

Young Apprenticeships are for bright, motivated young people with good attendance, KS3 SATS results minimum of 5 in English, Maths and Science and who wish to learn in a vocational setting.

How is a Young Apprenticeship different from other applied learning programmes (BTECs, Diploma etc)

- a nationally recognised vocational qualification
- 50 days of work experience
- Wide range of learning environments
- Opportunity to be job ready by the end of Yr 11
- Accelerated progression to Advanced Apprenticeships

For more information contact Rusty Ansell

## Diploma Update

These are now called:

Foundation Diploma – Level 1

Higher Diploma – Level 2

Advanced Diploma – Level 3

Specifications for Principal Learning in the first 5 programme areas have now been produced by Edexcel, OCR and AQA. The currency for these Diplomas has also been finalised – see below:

### Foundation Diploma – Level 1 (5 GCSEs D–G)

Area of Learning	glh	B	A	A*
Principal Learning	240	57	84	102
Project	60	9.5	14	17
Add/Specialist	120	19	28	34
Total	420	85.5	126	153

#### Comparison with GCSE points:

	glh	F–G	E	D
5 GCSEs A*–G	415–504	80–110	140	170

### Higher Diploma – Level 2 (7 GCSEs A\*–C)

Area of Learning	glh	C	B	A	A*
Principal Learning	420	200	230	260	290
Project	60	20	23	26	29
Add/Specialist	180	80	92	104	116
Total	660	300	345	390	435

#### Comparison with GCSE points:

	glh	C	B	A	A*
7 GCSEs A*–C	595–684	280	322	364	406

### Advanced Diploma – Level 3 (3.5 A levels A\*–E)

Learning	glh	E	D	C	B	A	A*
Principal	540	225	270	315	360	405	450
Project	120	45	54	63	72	81	90
Add	360	150	180	210	240	270	300
Eng FS	45	23	23	23	23	23	23
Maths FS	45	23	23	23	23	23	23
ICT FS	45	23	23	23	23	23	23
PLTS	60	30	36	42	48	54	60
W. Exp	90*	63	63	63	63	63	63
Total	1305	582	672	762	852	903	1032

#### Comparison with GCE A level points:

	Glh	E	D	C	B	A	A*
3.5 A*–E	1200	525	630	735	840	945	1050

(recently introduced Progression Diploma – 2.5 A Levels)

**Note:** Although functional skills and PLTS have to be passed within KS4, points for these are now **excluded** within the Foundation and Higher Diplomas.

For further information please contact Pam Hayes

## Diploma Gateway progress

Following the DCSF Diploma Gateway process in 2006, consortium pilots have been established from September 2007 in 5 lines of learning:

- Construction and the Built Environment
- Engineering
- Information and Technology
- Society, Health & Development
- Creative and Media

The Kingswood Partnership is currently piloting the above 5 Diplomas which will be delivered nationally as formal qualifications from Sept 2008. In Dec 2007, the Kingswood Partnership submitted a bid to run the next 5 Diplomas from 2009. These are:

- Land Based and Environmental
- Business, Accounting & Finance
- Manufacturing and Product Design
- Hospitality and Catering
- Hair and Beauty

The Concorde Partnership also submitted a bid to deliver Diplomas in the following sectors to be phased in during 2009–2011:

- Construction and the Built Environment
- Engineering
- Business, Accounting & Finance
- Land based and Environmental
- Society, Health & Development
- Creative and Media

Feedback is expected early April 2008 and those successful will receive funding to further develop bids in preparation for rolling out the Diplomas in 2009/2010, depending on delivery plans.

The 2008 Diploma Gateway process will be for the following lines:

- Public Services
- Sport and Leisure
- Retail
- Travel and Tourism

Followed by Humanities, Languages, Science through the 2009 Gateway process.

## Forthcoming training/events

**Vocational Best Practice Forum – Severnside**  
4 February 2008 – 1.30 – 3.30 pm – focus on general update and New Diplomas.

**Coming next year:** Best Practice workshops for BTEC and New Diploma

### Vocational Marketplace:

17 July 2008, 9.30 – 3.30 pm.  
Specialist vocational teams from S Glos schools, who have worked with consultants, will be showcasing their work.

Further details from Pam Hayes

**Psychology network meetings** – Ridings High School  
4.00 – 5.15 pm on: Wednesday 6 February 2008 and Wednesday 18 June 2008

**Physics network meetings** – Kingsfield School  
4.00 – 5.00 pm – Wednesday 13 February 2008 and Wednesday 2 July 2008

Further details from Tracey France

**Health & Social Care/Early Years:** Teacher visit to Children's Centre – 12 February 2008 – 9.15-1.15 pm  
Contact: [Jan.Parry-Jones@thecastleschool.org.uk](mailto:Jan.Parry-Jones@thecastleschool.org.uk)

**Young People's Drug & Alcohol Service Screening Training** (pastoral staff, learning mentors, school health nurse, Connexions PAs etc) Kingswood Civic Centre – Tuesday 4 March – 2.00 – 4.00 pm  
To book contact CYP Training Team  
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## 14-19 Website

If you have anything you would like to be included on the 14-19 Website please contact Lorraine Morris.

<http://www.learningwithsouthglos.org/post14/index.htm>

*Future editions will be available on our website*

## Useful Websites

**BTEC Training Events:** [www.edexcel.org.uk/sfc/training/event-listing](http://www.edexcel.org.uk/sfc/training/event-listing)

**Edexcel Diploma Events:** <http://developments.edexcel.org.uk/diplomas/events/>

**All you need to know about the Diploma:** [www.qca.org.uk/diploma](http://www.qca.org.uk/diploma)

**Diploma leaflet:** <http://www.dfes.gov.uk/14-19/documents/QCA%20Diplomas%20leaflet.pdf>

**Specialist Schools Trust:** [www.ssatrust.org.uk/14-19](http://www.ssatrust.org.uk/14-19)