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The 4th National Conference on

# Delivering Diplomas: Engagement and collaboration

'Delivering Diplomas: Engagement and collaboration' takes place a week after the publication of the inaugural edition of *Delivering Diplomas* magazine. This conference offers crucial, practical advice to all those involved in the 14-19 Diploma.

This is the fourth *Delivering Diplomas* event and will offer key information not just for secondary educators, but also for Diploma deliverers in further education and for the employers involved with Diplomas. Anyone involved with a Diploma delivery consortium, or anyone wanting to get involved will benefit from attendance at this event.

The event will also offer practical advice from practising heads, teachers and employers, in a workshop-style format, allowing delegates to find the exact answers to their queries in an informal setting.

There will be keynote speakers from FE, secondary, employers and the QCA as well as a group of first year Diploma students from Hanham High School, Bristol, showcasing and discussing their work.

The workshops will offer advice from phase 1 and 2 Sector Skills Councils, gateway guidance, information for exam officers and from exam boards, a focus on secondary and FE collaboration, and a focus on employers.

**Aston Conference Centre, Birmingham**  
**Thursday 1st October 2009**

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## Objectives

The 4th National Delivering Diplomas conference will offer delegates:

- One-on-one access through carousel workshops to experts from each of the 10 Sector Skills Councils involved in phase 1 and 2 delivery.
- The chance to quiz practising teachers and heads from Diploma delivering schools and colleges, as well as employers who are involved in phases 1 and 2.
- The latest policy updates from the DCSF and the QCA with access to experts from the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust.
- An excellent chance for networking with fellow Diploma Deliverers and to discover solutions which have worked elsewhere that you can take away and implement immediately.
- Access to pre and post conference support through **SecEd** and Delivering **Diplomas**
- Gateway advice for consortia preparing to go through this process
- The chance to showcase your consortium's work in the March 2010 edition of Delivering **Diplomas** magazine

## Who should attend?

- Secondary headteachers
- Secondary deputy headteachers
- Heads of sixth form
- Secondary school senior management teams
- Heads of 14-19 development
- Diploma co-ordinators
- Further education principals and lecturers
- Employers involved in Diplomas
- Employers interested in finding out more about Diplomas
- Employer learning providers
- Local authority representatives
- Learning strategy managers
- Learning and Skills Councils
- Other consortia members

# Delivering Diplomas: Engagement and collaboration

**Chairperson: George Turnbull**, Exams Doctor, Ofqual, Coventry

09.00 – 09.30 **Registration and refreshments**

09.30 – 10.00 **Welcome and address**

**Pete Henshaw**, Editor, **SecEd** and Delivering **Diplomas**

10.00 – 10.30 **Teaching and learning together:  
Focusing on engagement**

**Teresa Bergin**, Head of Diploma, Qualifications and Curriculum Authority, London

10.30 – 11.00 **Diplomas the second year:  
Where are we now with  
partnership working?**

**Malcolm Trobe**, Policy Director, Association of School and College Leaders, Leicester

11.00 – 11.30 **Refreshments and exhibition viewing**

11.30 – 12.00 **Engagement and collaboration  
from an FE point of view**

**John Stone**, Chief Executive, Learning and Skills Network, London

12.00 – 12.30 **Employer engagement**

**Margaret Gildea**, Education and Skills Advisor, Rolls Royce, Derby

12.30 – 13.30 **Lunch and exhibition viewing**

13.30 – 14.30 **Ask the experts panel discussion:  
Sector Skills Councils**

Delegates will have the chance to quiz expert representatives from the 10 Sector Skills Councils involved in phases 1 and 2 of Diploma Delivery. Split by phase into two workshops, delegates will be free to ask questions regarding any aspect of delivery and will be able to drop into both workshops if desired. This session will provide a great networking opportunity and the chance to speak to the experts behind the first 10 Diploma lines.

### Phase 1 Diploma Delivery

1: Creative and media

2: Society, health and development

3: Construction and the built environment

4: Information technology

5: Engineering

### Phase 2 Diploma Delivery

1: Business, administration and finance

2: Hair and beauty studies

3: Manufacturing & product design

4: Environmental and land-based studies

5: Hospitality

# Delivering Diplomas: Engagement and collaboration

14.30 – 15.00 Refreshments and exhibition viewing

## 15.00 – 16.00 WORKSHOPS: Engagement and collaboration

This hour-long session offers delegates a choice of four workshops to choose from. Delegates will have the choice to attend more than one workshop during the hour.

### A: Secondary and FE collaboration

An expert panel including secondary heads, FE lecturers and principals, Diploma students and QCA representatives will host an informal discussion sharing best practice and guidance on how to collaborate effectively between secondary and further education.

### B: Employer collaboration

This panel will consist of employers, both large and small, who are already involved in Diploma delivery. Also on the panel will be secondary and FE practitioners, QCA experts and a Diploma student. This workshop will be ideal for both employer and teacher delegates who want to find out more about how schools and colleges can best engage with employers and vice versa.

### C: Gateway success

A panel featuring Helen Brookes from the DCSF 14-19 Consortia Delivery Unit and Duncan Ainge from Barking College, who has garnered considerable expertise in the gateway process over the past 18 months, as well as other Diploma deliverers, will offer practical guidance on how to successfully negotiate the gateway process.

### D: Exam boards and exam officers: Assuring awarding happens

With so many different components coming together to create the overall Diploma qualification, many centres are still unclear as to how assessment fits into this complicated process. Examination experts from the QCA, the Chartered Institute for Exam Assessors and all of the main exam boards will discuss the practical requirements of the Diploma when it comes to assessment and awarding.

16.00 – 16.30 Drawing together and closing remarks

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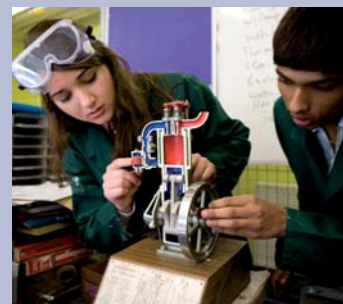
## 2 EASY WAYS TO BOOK



Complete and return the registration form overleaf



Call 0207 501 6762



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# Registration form

I would like to secure my place at the **Delivering Diplomas: Engagement and collaboration** conference. PHOTOCOPIES OF THIS FORM ACCEPTED

Title (Mr, Mrs etc): .....

Forenames .....

Surname .....

Job title .....

Contact address .....

..... Post code .....

Telephone .....

Email .....

Sector .....

Which of the Diploma lines are you delivering? .....

I understand that this registration booking is subject to the booking conditions.

Signature .....

## CONFERENCE FEE

**VTCT members can benefit from a 20% reduction: only £200+VAT=£230**

The normal cost of full attendance is £250+VAT=£287.50

The main workshop I would like to attend is:  A  B  C  D

Attending the conference entitles you to coffee, lunch, abstract details and free entry to the exhibition.

## I WISH TO PAY BY:

### • Credit card

Please debit my  Visa  Mastercard  Maestro  American Express

Card no

Valid from     Expiry date

Issue no (Maestro cards only)   3 digit security code

Signed..... Date .....

### • Call the Credit Card Booking Hotline 0207 501 6762

• Make your cheque payable to MA Education Ltd

### • Invoice

Requesting an invoice and signing this form will secure your place at the conference. All invoices must be paid in full before the event. See booking condition 5.

**To receive an invoice you must complete this section in full. We are unable to send out invoices to home addresses.**

**PLEASE COMPLETE IN FULL WITH CONTACT NAME IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE**

PO Number .....

Contact .....

Full address .....

..... Post code .....

Telephone.....

Fax.....

Signed .....

Where did you hear about this conference?

To reserve a place at the conference, complete this booking form and return this together with the stated fee to:  
**Delivering Diplomas: Engagement and collaboration,**  
**Mark Allen Group, Freepost BFH1337, London SE24 9BR**  
**Fax 0207 733 8174 Tel 0207 501 6762**

# How to get to the venue

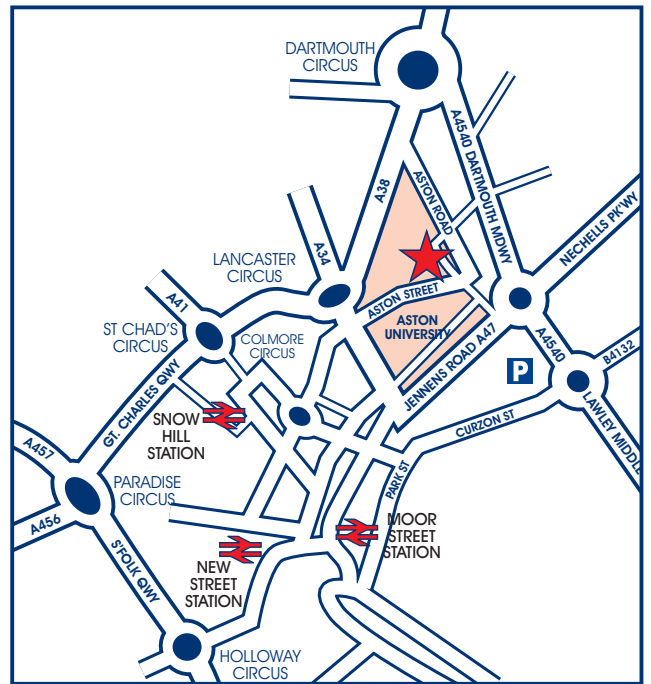
Aston Business School Conference Centre, Aston Triangle, Birmingham, B4 7ET  
[www.abs.aston.ac.uk/conferenceaston](http://www.abs.aston.ac.uk/conferenceaston)

## CAR PARK RE-DEVELOPMENT FROM JANUARY 2008

Due to a new student residences project, the university car parks will be unavailable until Autumn 2010. These building works will not take place near Aston Business School Conference Centre and the only disruption caused will be to the car parking available on site. Events taking place at the venue will not be affected by the noise from these works. There are pay & display car parks close to the venue, but we would highly recommend the use of public transport during this period. Information for which is provided below.

**Rail Links:** New Street/Snow Hill/Moor Street train stations are all within 20 minutes walk of the venue or a 5 minute taxi ride. Please visit [www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com) to find appropriate routes into Birmingham Stations.

**Bus Routes:** A number of bus services operate to the University Campus throughout the day. Please visit [www.travelwm.co.uk/](http://www.travelwm.co.uk/) bus where a route planner is available.



## Booking conditions

MA Education Ltd (The Company) accepts bookings under the following conditions:

- All correspondence will be sent to the participants at the address specified on the booking form or over the telephone. (This address will also appear on the official participant's list given out at the event).
- The completed booking form together with full payment must be sent to MA Education Ltd. A confirmation will then be issued. Cheques should be made payable to MA Education Limited. Returning the signed registration form constitutes a firm booking.
- Bookings may be made by telephone but payment must be made in full by credit card.
- All payments, including credit card, must be in sterling.
- The Company reserves the right to cancel a booking if payment is not made six weeks prior to the conference taking place. Any outstanding payment becomes the responsibility of the signatory made on the reservation form.
- Payment for any booking made within six weeks of the conference will still be due to the company irrespective of whether the delegate attends.
- Should you be unable to attend, a substitute delegate may take your place. Notification must be received in writing one week prior to the conference.
- The Company reserves the right to change the conference speakers in cases of illness or other conditions beyond its control.
- The Company does not accept responsibility for loss or damage to delegates' own property and/or personal effects caused by events beyond its control, including (but without limitation) fire, flood, strikes, civil disturbances or for consequential loss or damage of any kind whatsoever.
- Speakers approached at time of print.

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Written cancellations received six weeks prior to the conference will be accepted and a refund of 90% of the booking charge will be made. After this date, no refunds can be given. Verbal cancellations will not be accepted.

If written cancellation is not received six weeks prior to the conference full payment will still be due irrespective of whether the delegate attends the conference.



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