

# Diploma Newsletter

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## The Diploma

### Our Diploma commitment to you

This is an exciting time in education, with the coalition government looking to present greater choice, flexibility and autonomy to schools and colleges.



Diplomas are a key part of our suite of qualifications. From the outset, we built our Diploma offer on providing the highest quality specifications and an unrivalled level of service. We remain committed to working with you and all Diploma centres to provide the comprehensive level of support for teaching, learning and administration that you have come to expect.

We will continue to provide further materials and events to support our Diploma offer. There will be a full **Diploma National Training Programme** for 2011, ongoing **additional exemplar materials**, and a new **CD-ROM** in your Diploma Delivery Pack providing even more support for all lines of learning, functional skills, the Project and administration.

We want to ensure we continue to meet your needs in relation to Diploma delivery, and we look forward to working closely with you during this time of change and opportunity so that we fully understand your needs and those of your learners.

*Ziggy Liaquat*

Managing Director of Edexcel

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### Edexcel Diploma student awarded CIOB Prize

A talented Edexcel Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment (C&BE) student was rewarded with a £1,000 prize for his hard work and achievements at this year's Construction Manager of the Year Awards. Dean King, from Reading College, was presented with his award by the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) at this red-carpet ceremony which was held on **14 October 2010** in the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane.

## Our own published resources

To complement our exciting range of Diploma qualifications we have published our own suite of comprehensive teaching and learning resources. Written by teams of expert authors, many of whom are involved in writing the Diploma specifications, these resources provide a highly motivating, integrated solution across all aspects of Diploma learning.

- **Student Books** are highly engaging and designed to give a real life focus to learning.
- **Assessment and Delivery Resources with CD-ROMs** provide everything needed to plan, deliver and personalise learning.
- **Teacher Resource Disks** include unit specifications and delivery plans along with a range of activity sheets and model assignments to facilitate assessment.



Resources are available across a range of subjects for **Foundation, Higher and Advanced Diplomas**.

To find out more visit [www.edexceldiplomas.co.uk](http://www.edexceldiplomas.co.uk).

## 2011 Diploma Training Programme

Our Diploma events and training programme has been designed to support you in delivering our Diploma qualifications, and to help with your Continuing Professional Development (CPD). Our range of support and training services is designed to provide you with practical, dynamic delivery solutions. As always, our emphasis is on support, feedback and innovation.



See below for list of events planned for 2011.

### Successful Delivery Events

*January – March 2011*

- Full-day events.
- Designed for those delivering the Principal Learning for each line of learning.

### Getting it Right: Assignments and Assessment

*January – March 2011*

- Full-day events.
- Designed for those delivering the Principal Learning for each line of learning.

### Feedback from the January 2011

#### Assessment Series and Forward Planning

*April 2011*

- Full-day feedback events on the January 2011 assessment series.
- Designed for those involved in the marking and moderation process.

### Diploma Curriculum Days

*June - July 2011*

- Free full-day events.
- Themed workshops based around current issues and areas of development surrounding Diploma delivery and management.
- Aimed at Local Authorities, Diploma Advisors and practitioners.

To find out about events taking place in your area visit: [www.edexcel.com/diplomatraining](http://www.edexcel.com/diplomatraining), call our Diploma Hotline on **0844 576 0028** or use our **online booking form**.

## Diploma Network Events 2010

Over 250 delegates attended our free events in Manchester, London and Birmingham last October, joining in a series of lively and interactive workshops. Delegates were also able to visit our networking zones where they could speak to expert staff and receive information on any component of the Diploma as well as our third parties who could offer additional support.

Here's what some of our delegates had to say . . .

*"Great support in assisting the delivering of Diplomas"*

*"Extremely helpful as we are new to the Diploma this year"*

*"Very good – answered lots of questions – good support"*

*"Well presented with knowledgeable staff who were willing to help"*

*"The change of title from 'Expo' to 'Network' indicative of excellent value of events like this"*

## Diploma Delivery Packs

The Diploma Delivery Pack is now updated and contains even more useful documents and a new CD-ROM with specifications, delivery plans, tutor support material and interactive exercises. We'll be sending a copy to your centre in January so look out for it. If you do not receive one or would like additional packs then please email [DiplomaOps@edexcel.com](mailto:DiplomaOps@edexcel.com).

## Assignment Review Service

You can continue to benefit from our free Assignment Review Service in 2011. You are invited to submit one assignment per unit, per line of learning, and your schemes of work for review by our experts. We will provide feedback on the suitability of these assignments and whether, if completed effectively, the learners would be producing evidence that meets the required criteria. This free service is available for all Edexcel Diploma consortia who are delivering any of the 13 lines of learning that Edexcel offers. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Additional and Specialist Learning

And finally, don't forget to look out for the new version of the ASL Catalogue on The Register of Regulated Qualifications, which will be released in February 2011.

[Click here](#) for full details.

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