

Additional Specialist Learning (ASL)

What can I study alongside the Diploma?

Diploma learners study another qualification at the same time as the Principal Learning part of the Diploma, we call this ASL.

You choose the ASL from a list we provide and this allows you to either study more extensively in the same curriculum area, or to choose something that complements your course, chosen career or interests. It can be something different too. We will help you make this selection - so don't worry - you'll get the support you need. Closer to the time we provide summaries about these qualifications, their location and an opportunity to talk to the teachers involved. Our provisional offer is under the headings below. Please be advised that the list is subject to change and agreement by the awarding bodies.

Examples for the Advanced Diploma

These qualifications have to be of 'the size and demand of an A-level'. However, it is not just about A-levels – we offer vocational qualifications too. BTEC National Awards and the new BTEC Level 3 Diploma's are part of the offer. These qualifications take part in a whole day, normally timetabled from 9.00-15.00 session (but obviously not on the two days that you will study the Diploma). You can choose from:

- A-levels in Biology, Sociology, Art- Photography, Spanish, English Literature, Maths, Psychology, Law, Film Studies, Physics, Media Studies, English Language/Literature
- BTEC National Awards in Medical Science, Business or Sport Studies
- BTEC level 3 Diploma's in IT , Construction or Society, Health , Development
- Other AS- levels/vocational subjects available in the Stevenage Consortium Post 16 grid

Examples for the Higher Diploma

These have to be at least at level 2 and have to be a certain number of learning hours which roughly equates to a 9.00-3.30 session, normally on Wednesdays. You can choose from:

- BTEC First Certificate in Business, Sport, Public service or Art and Design
- BTEC Extended Certificate in IT, Engineering, Construction
- Specialist qualifications in Hair, Beauty, Hospitality and Business

Examples for the Foundation Diploma

These have to be at least at level 1 and have to be a certain number of learning hours which roughly equates to a 9.00-12.30 session, normally on Wednesdays. You can choose from:

- BTEC Level 1 Award in Interactive Media
- BTEC Certificate in IT, Business, Engineering, Construction,
- Specialist qualifications in Hair, Beauty, Hospitality and Business
- Asdan COPE Level 1

Please note that GCSEs in English and Mathematics cannot be used as ASL.

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