

14-19 Bulletin

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Welcome back! We hope you had a good break over the summer, because September 2009 is a very exciting time for 14-19 developments in York. Read on to find out more!

York 14-19 results success

Examination results in summer 2009 were the best ever for York schools and colleges, both at KS4 and at post-16. Across schools, the key 5+ A*-C indicator significantly increased by 5 percentage points to 73.4%, and 5+ A*-C including English and Maths increased by 6 percentage points to 59.5%.

Post-16 A level results in York schools showed the best ever pass rate of 98.1%, and the average point score per entry also increased to 88.8. At York College, the A level pass rate also increased to 98.5%, and 34 subjects had a 100% pass rate; in the level 3 National Diploma, 28% of students gained triple distinctions, which are equivalent to 3 As at A level.

We will provide fuller details about this year's outcomes in the next edition, and are asking all partner institutions to contribute to this celebration of success by providing information about their highlights. Items of up to 250 words, and including one digital photograph, can be sent to Stephen Down by 14 September.

Diplomas

The second raft of 14-19 Diplomas is now being delivered in York. In 2009/10, eight Diplomas are being delivered across York's schools and colleges. These are:

Business, Administration and Finance	Hair and Beauty Studies
Creative and Media	Information Technology
Engineering	Manufacturing and Product Design
Environment and Land-based Studies	Society, Health & Development

These will be showcased at the Options and Opportunities Evening on 30 September – see below for more details.

Learner feedback on the first year of Diploma delivery will feature in the next Bulletin in a report by the Edge Learner Forum.

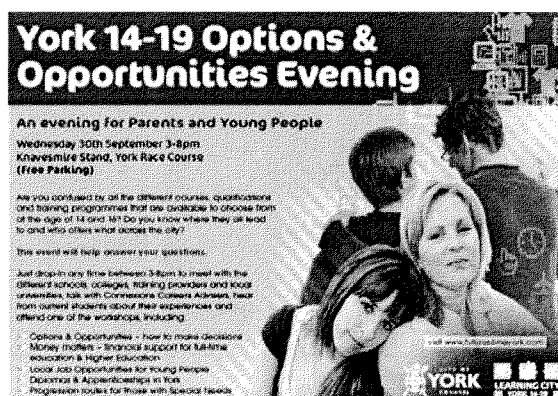
Options and Opportunities Evening – 30 September, 3-8pm

On 30 September we are running an Options and Opportunities Evening for young people in Y9 and Y11 and their parents/carers, to find out more about the different options, pathways and careers that they can choose for the start of their next year.

This will take place at the Racecourse, from 3pm to 8pm. Exhibitors include schools, colleges, training providers, local universities, the Diploma Roadshow, businesses, Young People's Services and other agencies involved in working with young people.

Information about the evening has been posted to homes of all Year 9 and Year 11 students and flyers will also be available through schools.

Do come along and for more information, please contact Yvonne Emerson, NYBEP (yvonne@nybep.org.uk or tel 01904 693632).

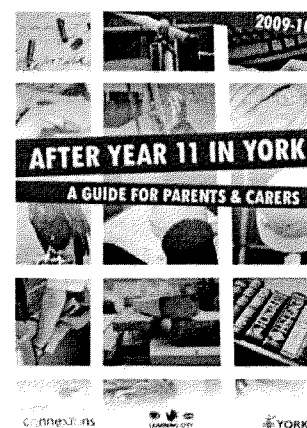


Y11 Parents Guide

A new Y11 Parents Guide has been published this year, which gives an outline of the different options and support available to students post-16. This has been posted to all parents/carers of Y11 students at the start of the autumn term and additional copies are available in schools.

We would like to thank all schools, colleges and training providers for their feedback and input to this new publication, which has been collated and designed by Young People's Services.

For more information, please contact Julia Massey.



www.futures4meyork.com

The 14-19 options and opportunities website www.futures4meyork.com is being integrated into the YorOK website and directly managed by York Young People's Services. Still with the same web address, it will be easier for us to keep the site fresh and up-to-date. We are working on revamping both the style and the content in line with the new YorOK design, which we hope to have complete by half-term. If you've got any suggestions for things you would like to see included, or any comments on what you like and dislike about the current site, please do get in touch.

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The course finder section, which we run jointly with North Yorkshire, has also seen improvements, with a new search feature (developed by the software company S-Cool) that makes it even easier for young people to find courses they are interested in. We are asking providers to ensure that their information for programmes that start September 2010 is updated by 1 October (post-16) and 23 October (KS4).

For more information, please contact Steve Flatley, Young People's Services, (steve.flatley@york.gov.uk or tel 01904 552367).

Local business involvement in the Diplomas

Minster Law, one of the city's leading employers, is further developing its involvement in education by taking on a key role in the Business, Administration and Finance Diploma. The firm, which is a contender for The Press Business Awards for 'Growth business of the year' and 'Best employer and education link', has developed a mentoring programme for students taking the BAF Diploma at Burnholme Community College, through its specialist status for Business and Enterprise. This builds on links made over the last year, where business students have had talks from Minster Law representatives and the opportunity to visit their offices. The new mentoring programme will give students access to professional expertise and offer them a wider perspective on the world of business.



For more information on business and education links, please contact Yvonne Emerson, NYBEP (yvonne@nybep.org.uk or tel 01904 693632).

Step up to Progress

This new, 12 week course was run three times by York College in the spring and summer of this year. Its objective is to re-engage some of the "hardest to reach" young people in the city who are not in education employment or training (NEET), help them develop employability skills including literacy and numeracy, provide work experience placements and help them progress in to jobs or further education. The course was developed with Young People's Services and Connexions Advisers have been working with the college to identify young people to participate and to support them through it and beyond. So far 33 young people have completed the course and all have progressed into work, education or training with benefits for them. NEETs are a key priority locally and nationally and this new provision is a making a significant contribution in York, where just under 300 16-19 year olds fall into that category.

For more information, please contact Clare Wareing, Assistant Principal, York College (cwareing@yorkcollege.ac.uk or tel 01904 770208) or Steve Flatley.

Dates for your diaries

14-19 Strategy & Resources Group (chaired by Pete Dwyer, Director of LCCS)

Wednesday 16 September, 3.00-5.30

Thursday 12 November, 9.00-11.30

14-19 Partnership Group (chaired by Jill Hodges, Assistant Director)

Wednesday 7 October, 9.00-3.30 at Manor School

Thursday 19 November, 9.00-12.00

14-19 Curriculum Implementation Group (chaired by John Thompson, Principal Adviser)

Thursday 15 October, 8.30-11.30

Tuesday 1 December, 8.30-11.30

Useful links

LEA resources and 14-19 bulletins: www.lea.york.sch.uk/14-19

DCSF website: www.dcsf.gov.uk/14-19

Diploma support website: www.diploma-support.org

QCA: www.qca.org.uk/qca_4321.aspx

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