



Workington Academy - Sixth Form

Subject: First Diploma in Children's Care, Learning & Development (Level 2)

Why you should study First Diploma in Children's Care, Learning and Development

A stepping stone onto the Level 3 if you have not quite got what you wanted for your GCSEs

Examination Board: Edexcel

Course Content

Units on aspects of Child Care and Development and 3 placements working with children.

Assessment:

Written assignments and the production of a portfolio of work.

Reports on practice in 3 settings.

Skills Developed, Progression and Possible Future Careers

- Develops skills required to work with children.
- Allows learners to re-take GCSE English and/or Maths if they have not obtained a C grade or above at the end of Year 11

Possible future careers

- Creche and private nursery work.
- Apprenticeships in child care.

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Subject: National Diploma in Children's Play, Learning & Development (Level 3)

Why you should study the national Diploma in Children's Play, Learning and Development

A really good choice if you have chosen to work with children for your future career, as it prepares you for a variety of options.

Examination Board: Edexcel

Course Content

The course last for two years. Students spend two days every week on placements in the following settings: nursery school, infant school, private nurseries and special needs schools and units.

In the Sixth Form students study a variety of child-related subjects including Communication with Children and Adults, Child Development, Child Protection, Child Health, Sociology and so on. Whilst on placement students produce an extensive portfolio of work including child observations and activity plans. They are regularly visited and well supported on placement by the two experienced tutors.

One of the highlights of the course is a residential multi-cultural trip to Bradford at the end of their first year – this has proved very beneficial and interesting to previous students.

Assessment:

The course is mainly assessed by coursework but does include one exam set externally.

Skills Developed, Progression and Possible Future Careers

Develops skills required to work with children.

Are there any special requirements?

- 5 C's at GCSEs including English Language and Maths.
- A good attendance record in Year 11
- A real interest and commitment in wanting to work with children.

Possible future careers

- University to study to become a primary teacher or special needs teacher; to train to become a social worker; a health professional such as a nurse, midwife or occupational therapist; or to study a related subject such as the BA in Children, Family and Young People
- Employment in the school sector as a classroom assistant or learning support assistant
- Employment in the private sector – for example as a supervisor in a private nursery