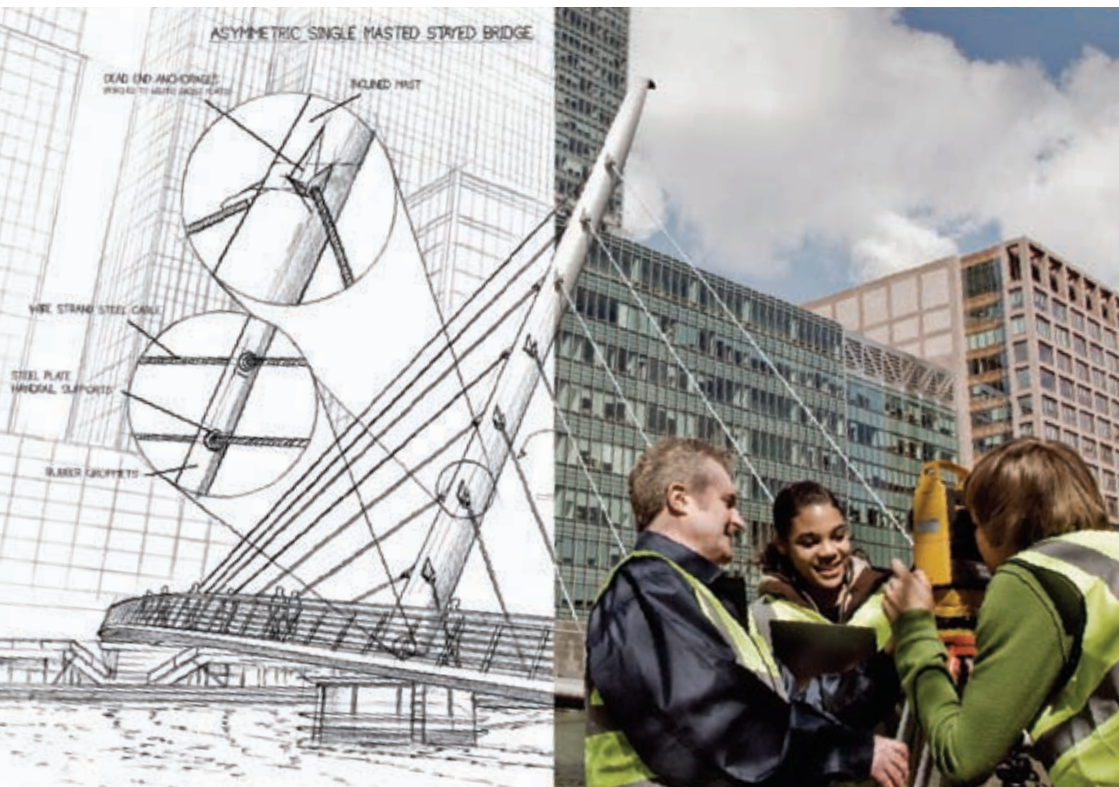


# Bring your learning to life with a Diploma in **Construction and the Built Environment**



**Are you aged 14 to 19 and thinking about a career in the construction industry?** Do you like the thought of designing and constructing buildings and structures – but want to learn through a mix of study and ‘hands-on’ activities?  
**Why not consider a Diploma?**

# Your guide to Diplomas in Portsmouth



## ■ What is a Diploma?

The Diploma is a new qualification for 14 – 19 year olds. It will teach you about an area of work that you are interested in - so that you can make an informed decision about what you want to do next.

## ■ Construction and the Built Environment

A Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment will give you the opportunity to learn about the industry, how the industry impacts on the world we live in and what it takes to get a building up from the first idea through to the day it opens. You will also develop the knowledge and practical skills that you need to further your career – whether you decide to get a job, or continue learning. You'll also find out about the different careers available to you in this industry.

## ■ What will I study?

Diploma courses mix theory, functional skills, practical projects, life skills and work experience – so you get all the hands-on experience and technical knowledge you need. The Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment focuses on three main areas, these are:

- **Designing the built environment:** How the built environment is designed, and the impact it has on people and communities.

- **Creating the built environment:**

Understanding the processes involved in building structures.

- **Valuing and using the built environment:**

Understanding the importance of good design, workmanship and teamwork.

You can study at three levels:

Foundation (equal to five GCSEs D-G);  
Higher (equal to seven GCSEs A\* - C);  
and Advanced (equal to three and a half A Levels).

During your Diploma you'll go on site visits, and take part in work experience – so you'll have a proper insight into what working in the industry is really like. At the end of the course you'll be given a final project, where you can demonstrate all of your new skills and apply the theory you have learned.

## ■ Where can I study?

The Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment will be available from September 2009 at Mayfield School and Highbury College.

**To find out more about the Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment speak to your schools options advisor, Connexions advisor, or for taster or information sessions, telephone Lucy Herdman on 023 9228 3400 or email: [lherdman@portsmouthebp.co.uk](mailto:lherdman@portsmouthebp.co.uk)**