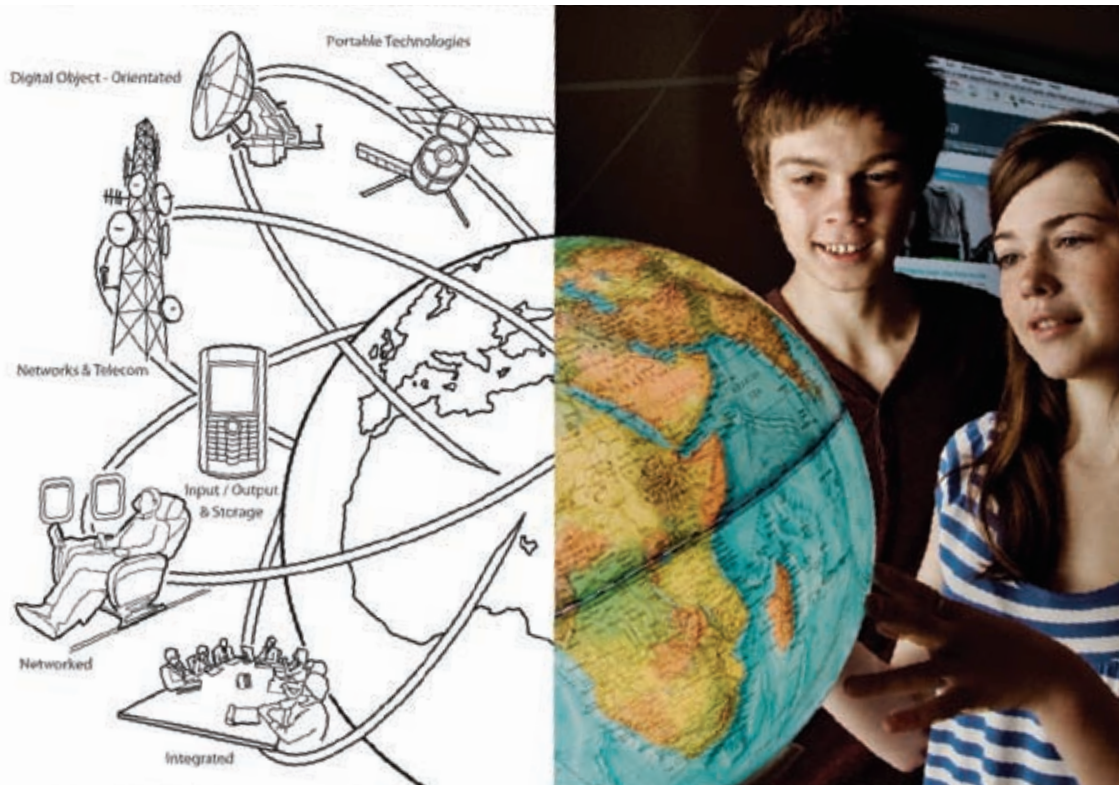


Bring your learning to life with an **Information Technology Diploma**



Are you aged 14 to 19?

Would you like a career in Information Technology
but not sure what area you would like to work in?

How about studying 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.

■ Information Technology

Just about everything is driven by IT these days, from retail and banking to engineering and construction. A Diploma in Information Technology will give you the opportunity to explore the industry, and learn about the role IT plays in organisations and for individuals. Through the course you will 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 in the classroom with functional skills, practical projects, life skills and work experience – so you get all the hands-on experience and technical knowledge you need. The information Diploma focuses on four main themes, these are:

- **Business:** The role technology plays within organisations.

- **People:** How to work well with other people.

- **Technology:** How to create technology solutions.

- **Cross Platform Multimedia:** How to create multimedia products.

You can study at three levels to suit your ability: 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 visits, listen to speakers from the industry, and take part in work experience – so you'll have an excellent insight into what working in the industry is really like.

■ Where can I study?

The Information Technology Diploma will be available from September 2009 and will be offered by colleges working in partnership with local schools.

To find out more about the Diploma in Information Technology 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