

An Invitation to Year 8 Parents/Carers/Students

The Diploma – An Introduction to the New Qualification and 14-19 Reform

From 2013 young people will be required to remain in education until the age of 17 and until 18 years of age from 2015. In response to this we, in Connexions, together with the London Borough of Havering and Prospects in the City are running **two** events in May 2010. Our aim is to help parents/carers and young people understand what the new Diploma is about and how it fits in with existing qualifications. These events are for Year 8 parents/carers and pupils in the Borough who would like to know about the full range of options on offer after Year 9 and to gain an understanding of how FE centres, universities and employers view it as a qualification.

The events are on:

- Tuesday 18th May 2010, Duke's Hall, Maygreen Crescent, Hornchurch, RM11 1EJ 6.30pm-8.00pm
- Thursday 27th May 2010, Salvation Army, High Street, Romford, RM1 1JJ 6.30-8.00pm

The sessions will consist of:

- Welcome by Karen Thipthorp/Joanne Carroll
- Keynote speaker
- Further Education presentation – Havering College
- Higher Education presentation – University of East London/Anglia Ruskin University
- Employer Diploma Champion presentation
- Expert panel Q&A (local schools etc)
- Informal opportunity to speak with professional participants

Please could you confirm your attendance stating your name and the names of any other members of your family who will be attending and please include the relevant date of the events you are able to attend either by email at: prosepctsinthecity@prospects.co.uk or if you need to speak to someone, please call 020 8315 1245.

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