

May, 2010 (update 3)

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the third update to the 2010/11 academic year **Day Release Project**. In this update I take pleasure in revealing the diploma units that will be completed and session timings for each day; as well as reminding you of available LAD funding for students following our Programme of Study.

Summary of the Day Release Project To Date:

Day Release Project: for students who perhaps lack focus in school environments and whom without focused support would struggle to achieve qualification(s) and follow a positive Post 16 destination (of which they are more than capable of). These students may not be ready for, or suit a large and distracting college campus

- available for Year 11 students for one academic day per week
- available to a maximum of ten Year 11 students per day
- completes level one NOCN 'Step Up' Diploma per student
- completes functional Maths and English per student
- completes a Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition section per student
- includes full breakfast and lunch meals
- includes a (more casual) school uniform
- term dates of:

Monday 6 th Sept – Friday 22 nd Oct	Monday 1 st Nov – Friday 17 th Dec
Tuesday 4 th Jan – Friday 18 th Feb	Monday 28 th Feb – Friday 8 th Apr
Tuesday 26 th Apr – Friday 27 th May	

Session Timings:

Each day will run similarly to a school timetable, with the added features of structured mealtimes.

0815 – 0830	Arrival at centre
0830 – 0900	Sit down breakfast of cereal, toast and hot/cold drinks
0900 – 0915	Clear away, wash up, enter classroom environment; phone, gum, jewellery checks
0915 – 1000	'Topic'/challenge with work related to functional Maths
1000 – 1045	'Topic'/challenge with work related to functional English
1045 – 1100	Break
1100 – 1200	Generic 'topic'/challenge work in classroom area
1200 – 1230	'Topic'/challenge work completed on computer (nominated students preparing lunch)
1230 – 1315	Sit down cooked lunch (including clearing and washing up)
1315 – 1515	Separate challenge/unit involving practical activities (e.g. DofE expedition preparation)

Available LAD Funding:

In the academic year 2009/10, the following funding was available for schools to claim per student:

NOCN 'Step Up' Diploma	£2297.10
Level 1 Functional Maths	£ 247.87
Level 1 Functional English	£ 247.87

Information, including how to calculate funding is available at: <http://www.learn2.org.uk/schools---funding>



Diploma Units To Be Completed:

UNIT TITLE	GLH	CREDITS
Developing Group and Teamwork Communication Skills	27	3
Using Teamwork Skills	27	3
Undertaking an Enterprise Project	27	3
Using Cooking Skills in a Domestic Kitchen	27	3
Using Common Measures	27	3
Demonstrating Speaking and Listening Skills	27	3
Select and Use ICT		6
Operate A Computer		4
Presentation Software		4
Preparation for Work	27	3
Prepare for Interview	9	1
Personal Budgeting and Money Management	27	3
Totals:	216	39

The **Day Release Project** will have 192 timetabled classroom teaching hours (32 x 6) in addition to 2 x overnight DofE expeditions and embedded mealtimes.

Students successfully participating in and completing the **Day Release Project** will 'bank' 39 credits against their Unique Learner Number (ULN); this is equal to 1 x QCF diploma. The **Day Release Project** also attracts 100 Achievement and Attainment (AAT) points, this is of course 50% of the 5 x A*- C performance threshold.

I hope that this update has been useful for you and I look forward to receiving your enquiries and feedback.

Congratulations on making it through to May, only one half term to go...

Yours faithfully,

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