



IF YOU DO NOT PLAN WHERE YOU ARE HEADING THE CHANCES ARE YOU WILL END UP WHERE YOU DON'T WANT TO BE

GET STARTED

SESSIONS 1-24 INTRODUCTION - UNDERSTANDING THE MODERN WORKING WORLD

KNOW YOUR PROFILE DEVELOP YOUR STORY

The first six weeks of the AED are dedicated to understanding the working world, and importantly how YOU fit in it. How are you able to find out what experience and knowledge you need to make a success of life after 9th Form? How can you POSITION yourself to increase your chances of gaining the opportunities you want and what do you need to DO in order to achieve this?

KNOWING YOURSELF is a key part to understanding how YOU FIT IN, and learning the language to explain this to others is a natural follow on. Understanding who we are, and importantly who we wish to be, leads to developing a strong sense

of **SELF WORTH** which enables us to create better **ENGAGEMENT** with the world around us. Importantly this in turn leads to a much stronger sense of **PURPOSE** for our lives and activities we carry out.

The activities you engage in all form part of your growing experience that you will draw on as you progress through your working life. Gaining experience in the first six weeks is a combination of understanding yourself, developing professional language, understanding research skills, learning how to converse with external professionals and finally how to codify all of this into your CV.

SESSIONS 25-120 CREATE EXPERIENCE

The middle part of your Diploma consists of opportunities designed to enable you to gain experience. This will be based on carrying out high level project work in collaboration with employers. **SOLVING REAL PROBLEMS WITH REAL EMPLOYERS AND PROFESSIONALS.** Experience will be gained in three key areas of employment, Engineering, Health and Medicine and Education and Training. These employment sectors represent fast growing areas of employment. You will also have the opportunity to choose your own CHOICE PROJECT.

PROJECTS EDUCATION

Education is a key sector. There is a massive effort being made to ensure that all young people have the opportunity to gain skills and experience in the sector. This is a key area of the diploma and you will have the opportunity to gain experience in this sector.

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SESSIONS 121-144 THE DIPLOMA AWARD

DRIVING QUESTION: HOW CAN YOU EVIDENCE YOUR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT?

The Aspirations Employability Diploma is a measure of professional awareness. The award is given to students who have understood what 'professional behaviour, performance and delivery means' and is awarded in three levels, Gold, Silver and Bronze. The award is achieved in a VIVA setting. Students have the opportunity to present their work to established professionals and to discuss lessons learnt including professional skills gained. Preparation for the VIVA happens during these sessions. Successful students are formally listed on the Aspirations website.

SESSIONS 145-193 BE THE BEST - PLATINUM AWARD

OPTIONAL

The **PLATINUM AWARD** represents the highest Diploma Award and takes place during the first term of year 13 from September to December. The award is divided into two parts, a very high level project followed by a work placement. The Platinum Award represents high levels of employability awareness and skills and a thorough understanding of how **SELF WORTH, ENGAGEMENT AND PURPOSE** form the bedrock foundations of finding your place in a fast changing working world.

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