

# The Brooke Weston Diploma Booklet



## How to use this Booklet:

This booklet includes all the opportunities that are available to a Sixth Form student at Brooke Weston when undertaking activities associated with the Brooke Weston Diploma. All students will be expected to participate in the Inspiration, Endeavour and Community (IEC) activities and those students who are aiming to apply to the top universities or who want to impress upon a future employer a sense of their real value will undertake a number of activities associated with Higher Studies and therefore enrol on the full Diploma programme.

The majority of the IEC activities will be available on Wednesday afternoon (between 1:35pm and 4:05pm – Periods 4 and 5). However, where this is not the case it is indicated on the attached form.

**Once you have identified the activities you want to undertake you will need to tick the box and tear off the form and hand to your Tutor.**

## Obtaining the Diploma:

This is a voluntary award that will provide a more enriched curriculum and a valuable measure of your capabilities for a university or employer. It will differentiate you from the crowd. Students who undertake the Diploma must take three A-levels within the Core Studies zone and one element from each of the Higher Studies (Higher Skills aptitude tests are additional) and IEC zones. Students not opting for the Diploma may (and are encouraged to) take elements from the Higher Studies and IEC zones; this however, will not lead to a Diploma. The points system is to be:

Core:		Higher Studies:	
A*	8 points	A* (extended project)	4 points
A	6 points	A	3 points
B	4 points	B	2 points
C	2 points	C	1 points
		Open University Short Course	2 points
		Northampton University	2 points
		Skilled Aptitude Tests	1 point
Capped at	32 points	Capped at	8 points
IEC:		Overall Award (total of 44 points available):	
One element from the zone (100 hours)	2 points	32 points and above	Distinction
Two elements from the zone (200 hours)	4 points	20 points and above	Merit
Capped at	4 points	12 points and above	Pass

To gain the diploma you will need to successfully complete elements from the Core, IEC and Higher Studies components of the diploma.

You will be given an IEC Record Book to record the number of hours you have completed for any of the activities and this will be needed to be verified by an assessor who will include any comments they have. It is also expected that you will also complete an evaluation of your involvement in the activity.

The information below is additional to that which we have already included in the Post 16 Prospectus and will support your choice of activity. In addition, your tutor will assist your decision-making and you can also talk to the Head of Sixth Form, along with teaching staff.

## Sports Teams:

In Terms 1, 2 and 3 rugby, football, hockey and netball will be offered with a view to creating elite match squads. In terms 4 and 5 cricket and rounders (possibly athletics) will be offered. The maximum number of students for each sport has been indicated below.

- Rugby (boys) – 30 places
- Football (boys) – 25 places
- Hockey (girls) – 25 places
- Netball (girls) – 18 places
- Cricket (boys)

- Rounders (girls)
- Athletics (boys and girls)

### Arts and Music:

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Refer to the prospectus. These activities will be offered after the school day and not during Wednesday afternoons.

### Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme:

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Numbers are limited to 30 students and the College can offer both the Silver and Gold Award.

- Silver
- Gold

### Cultural Studies:

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Numbers are limited to 15 students with the focus on Mandarin.

- Introduction to Chinese

### Masterclasses:

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The Masterclass programme is scheduled for approximately 20 Saturdays between September and March each year. Numbers are limited to between six and ten students who will act as classroom assistants to support the teaching staff.

- Masterclass Classroom Assistant

### Community Work:

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We have two volunteering opportunities, one of which is accredited by Northamptonshire Voluntary Youth Action and is based in Kettering, the community allotment, Green Patch (refer to Volunteer Role Description). The other opportunity is working with primary school children in Corby Schools where you will have the opportunity to help support their learning and development.

- Green Patch (numbers limited to 8 students)
- Primary School Mentoring in Corby School

### Peer Mentoring:

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Opportunities are available for students to gain experience in mentoring younger students in a range of subjects.

- Lower School Mentoring

### Sports Leader:

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Numbers are limited to 16 students to undertake the Level 2 Community Sports Leadership Award, which will also include First Aid, additional coaching certification and mentoring opportunities in local primary schools.

- Sports leadership Award

### Professional Placement:

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Students looking for a degree in the caring professions, engineering, medicine and nursing, dentistry and veterinary science are expected to arrange a professional placement to illustrate the strength of their intentions. These places will be supported by the Careers Advisor. These placements may or may not take place on Wednesday afternoons.

- Professional placement

### Young Enterprise:

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Initially, the Young Enterprise programme is supported by a member of staff. However, once the programme is up and running it can be driven by the participants, particularly by the management team that is elected. In addition to Wednesday afternoons students will need to commit to the odd meeting after school where further support can be provided by a member of staff.

- Young Enterprise

**If you choose an IEC activity that is not timetabled for Wednesday afternoons, e.g. Masterclasses you will be expected to choose an additional activity for Wednesday afternoons.**

# The Brooke Weston Diploma Form



You will need to complete this form, choosing your IEC activity and activities from the Higher Skills zone if you are enrolling on the full Brooke Weston Diploma programme. Please indicate, in the boxes below, the activities you wish to participate in. It is important that you read the information and instructions prior to each section to help you complete the form correctly.

## Please include:

Your name	
Tutor group	
Card number	

## Higher Studies:

If you wish you can choose to do all the Higher Study activities, as their timings will allow for this. The Extended Project will run between Term 2 of Year 12 and Term 3 of Year 13. OU Short Courses commence in May of Year 12 following a February/March enrolment and need to be completed, usually within 12 weeks of the start date. Registration for the University of Northampton Enterprise Module is in November and the course runs through to Term 2 of Year 13. However, it is important that you recognise that these activities will add significantly to your core A Level workload.

In addition, we can offer additional support to those students who are targeting the very highest grade at A Level in Maths, English, Physics, Chemistry and History. Therefore, if you tick the box – A\* target grade at A Level – you will have the opportunity to attend regular weekly twilight sessions with a subject teacher to further support your learning.

	Extended Project
	Open University Short Course (refer to website: <a href="http://www.open.ac.uk/yass">www.open.ac.uk/yass</a> for 10 point short courses)
	Northampton University Enterprise Module
	A* target grade at A Level

## Higher Studies Skilled Aptitude Tests, options include:

Aptitude tests are usually taken by the very top students at A Level who are aiming to attend one of the country's leading universities, e.g. Oxbridge or the Russell Group of universities. They are additional to your A Level results and assist the leading universities when selecting candidates. It is expected that you will only tick a box if you are a student expecting exceptional grades at GCSE with the ambition to attend one of the universities mentioned above. You may find at this stage that you only want to express an interest, as you are unsure of your field of future study. These sessions will be supported by one of the subject specialists in Maths, English, Physics, Chemistry and History during a regular weekly twilight session in Term 1 and 2 of Year 13.

Thinking Skills Assessment test (TSA)	Physics Aptitude Test
Bio-Medical Admissions Test (BMAT)	English Literature Admission Test (ELAT)
National Admissions Test for Law (LNAT)	Sixth Form Examination Paper in Mathematics (STEP)
History Aptitude Test	UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKC AT)
English Aptitude Test	Generic and Reasoning Skills (uniTEST )
<b>Expression of interest</b> ( <i>choose this if you are not sure which subject area you want to study</i> )	

### Inspiration, Endeavour and Community (IEC):

Everyone must choose their first, second and third choice activity for Wednesday PM sessions – write 1,2 & 3 in the boxes.

Don't forget if you choose the professional placement option you are expected to be looking for a degree in the caring professions, engineering, medicine and nursing, dentistry and veterinary science. In addition, you will be expected to make the arrangements to facilitate this option, which will need to be agreed with the Head of Sixth Form.

#### Wednesday Activities and Sports teams (by selection only)

Athletics (boys and girls)	Rugby (boys)	Cricket (boys)	Football (boys)
Football (boys)	Netball (girls)	Rounders (girls)	Hockey (girls)
Duke of Edinburgh: <i>Silver</i>	Duke of Edinburgh: <i>Gold</i>	Cultural Studies: <i>Introduction to Chinese</i>	Young Enterprise
Professional Placement	Lower School Mentoring	Sports Leadership Award	Community Work: <i>Green Patch</i>

If you choose Primary School Mentoring as one of your preferences, please indicate which subject you'd like to be involved in.

Community Work: <i>Primary School Mentoring</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maths	<input type="checkbox"/>	English	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	Language	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technology	<input type="checkbox"/>
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#### Music and Additional Weekly Activities

Music Theory Class	Senior Chamber Choir	Choir
Concert Band	Flute Group	Saxophone Group
Jazz Band	Senior Clarinet Group	Junior Clarinet Group
Masterclasses		

Once you have completed your form, choosing at least one IEC activity, please tear off the page and hand to your tutor.