

# Suffolk 14-19 Reforms

information about the changes and opportunities ahead

## Our world is changing

We are in the middle of a learning revolution to meet the challenges of a fast-changing world.

Between now and 2013, the education system for 14-19 year olds will be transformed to equip young people with the skills they need for life and work.

The changes include the introduction of the new secondary curriculum and a wider range of learning pathways for young people, who will be continuing in education and training for longer when the participation age rises to 18.

This new approach will bring opportunities for everyone involved to share their knowledge and work together in new ways.

## An entitlement to learning

All 14-19 year olds have an 'entitlement' to the right learning opportunities and support through a new range of pathways.

## The right support

Teachers, tutors and personal advisers will use their skills and experience to help young people to make the right choices.

## The new range of pathways

By 2013, young people under 19 will have a choice of four flexible pathways for gaining skills and qualifications. This means they can choose different styles of learning in the setting that best suits them.

**GCSEs and A levels** will continue and are being revised to be more stretching and relevant.

➔ Find out more at [www.dcsf.gov.uk/14-19](http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/14-19) on the qualifications and curriculum pages

The new **Diplomas** will offer a wide range of subjects combining practical experience and theoretical learning.

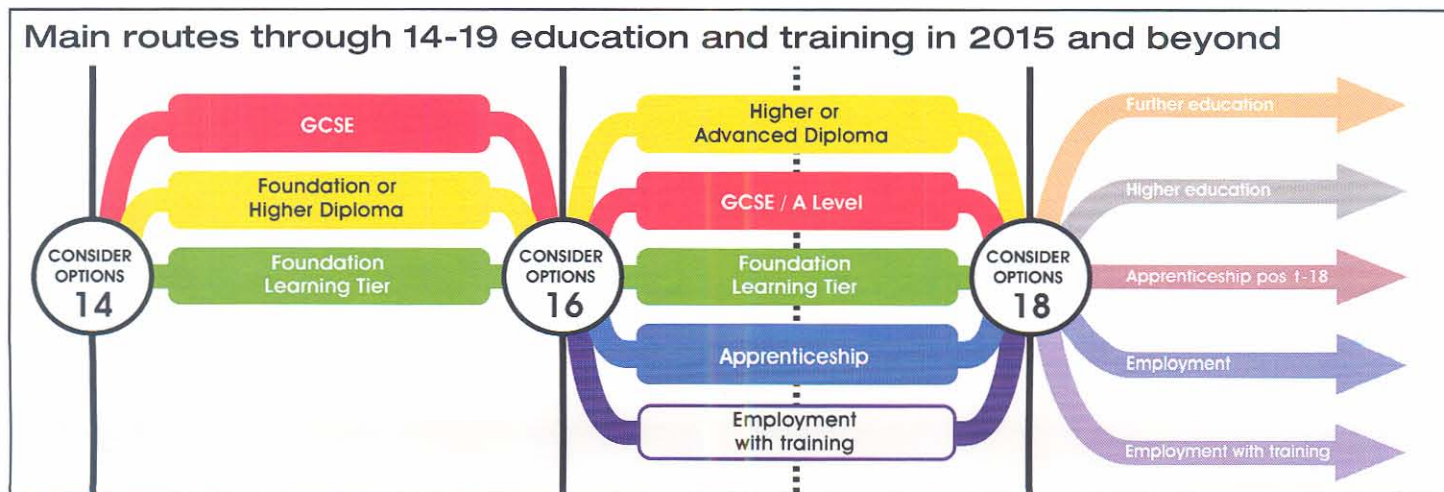
➔ Find out more at <http://yp.direct.gov.uk/diplomas/>

The new **Foundation Learning Tier** will provide progression for young people not yet ready for Level 2 qualifications.

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**Apprenticeships** will be expanded for young people over 16.

➔ Find out more at [www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk)



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## what's happening in Suffolk?

### Suffolk's vision for Children and Young People is to:

*"Enable all children and young people in Suffolk to aspire to, and achieve, their full potential, giving them the basis for a successful life as active members of the community"*

Suffolk 14-19 Strategy involves schools, colleges, training providers, employers and other partners working together to implement the reforms.

Governors, teachers, lecturers, support staff, workplace trainers, and Children and Young People's Services teams all have an important role to play in this 'learning liberation'.

It is happening alongside exciting developments to transform learning opportunities in the county through the School Organisation Review (SOR), Building Schools for the Future (BSF), and the review of special education provision.

➔ Find out more at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/sor](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/sor)  
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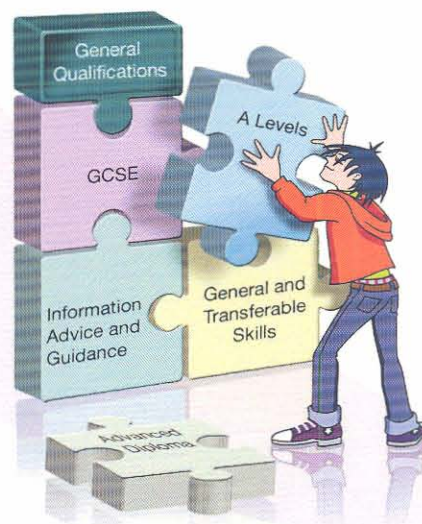
### New places to learn

Suffolk is investing in new 14-19 skills centres and sixth form centres around the county to make sure that young people can access the courses they need to succeed.

A network of learning centres is being developed in travel to learn areas to reduce travel time and increase young people's opportunities.

Suffolk County Council will take over responsibility for 16-19 planning and funding from the Learning & Skills Council (LSC) from 2010 onwards.

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### New Diplomas

Young people in Suffolk will have a wide choice of new Diploma courses over the next few years to lead them on to higher education, apprenticeships and employment.

Suffolk schools, colleges and training providers have been exceptionally successful in getting the go-ahead for new Diplomas from the Department for Children Schools and Families (DCSF).

The courses will combine practical and theoretical skills in occupational sectors such as construction, media, engineering, health, environment, information technology, beauty, sport, catering, business, and tourism.

The first Diploma was piloted in North Suffolk in 2008. A further six will be introduced in 2009 and by 2010 a total of 36 Diplomas will be available across the county.

Future4me is the online local area prospectus with full details of learning and training opportunities in Suffolk for young people aged 14-19.

➔ Find out more at [www.future4me.org.uk](http://www.future4me.org.uk)

### Professional support

The Suffolk 14-19 PDC is a county-wide resource to support continuing professional development (CPD) for all teaching and support staff in Suffolk schools, FE colleges and work-based learning providers involved in planning and delivering the applied curriculum, including the new Diplomas.

➔ Find out more at [www.14-19pdc.org.uk](http://www.14-19pdc.org.uk)

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