

- **Phase 1 and 2: All consortia currently delivering are invited to enter for multiple awards across 5 categories.**
 - **Deadline for entries: January 31, 2010.**
 - **Simple to enter: All we need is testimonials and supporting evidence for each nomination.**
 - **Gala ceremony: The grand finals will be held on March 26, 2010, and will include a special address from 14 to 19 minister Iain Wright.**
 - **High profile: The awards, sponsored by QCDA, will celebrate and publicise on a national stage the achievements of all finalists.**
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THE NEWLY launched *Delivering Diplomas* magazine and its sister title *SecEd*, an established free secondary education newspaper, are proud to announce that the Delivering Diplomas Awards 2010 are open for entries.

This unique celebration of innovation, best practice, dedication and passion in Diploma delivery is open to all consortia currently involved in delivering the new qualifications, including those who are delivering from September 2009. The Awards, supported exclusively by the Qualifications and Curriculum Development Agency, will be held at the prestigious Landmark Hotel in London on Friday, March 26, 2010.

Nominations can be made in five categories (listed below) and consortia are invited to enter all five and to submit multiple entries for the individual awards. The deadline for submissions is January 31, 2010.

The categories

- *Consortium of the Year*
- *Teacher or Lecturer of the Year*
- *Student of the Year*
- *Exam Officer of the Year*
- *Employer of the Year*

Entering is simple

We know you are busy and so we have deliberately kept the entry process simple. All we require is a 700-word testimonial to support each nomination. This can be made by anyone from within a consortium. Supporting evidence is allowed by way of attachments – for example, this could include illustrations of a student’s work or testimonials from parents, teachers, lecturers, students, or employers depending on the category. Contact us for more information.

Entry guidance

Remember, we are looking for dedication to delivery and making Diplomas work; Diplomas innovation and best practice; individuals who have developed a strong ethos for the Diploma and whose passion has helped them to succeed; and consortia which have embraced the Diploma and used it to engage and drive up the achievement of students. Guiding criteria for each of the categories are below. Fundamentally, we want to see how Diplomas have made a difference to learning and achievement in your centres, and we want to celebrate the staff and students behind this.

Deadlines

You can send your nominations to Delivering Diplomas Awards 2010, Delivering Diplomas magazine, St Jude’s Church, Dulwich Road, Herne Hill, London, SE24 0PB. You can also submit your nominations to the editor, Pete Henshaw at pete.h@markallengroup.com or via the Delivering Diplomas website at www.deliveringdiplomas.com

The deadline for entries in January 31, 2010, with judging taking place in early February and the finalists being announced on Friday, February 26, 2010. Further information is available from Pete Henshaw, editor, at pete.h@markallengroup.com or on 020 7501 6771.

CONSORTIUM OF THE YEAR

Awarded to the consortium which has embraced the Diploma ethos, has used the qualification to drive up student engagement and achievement, and has engaged its community within the delivery of Diplomas. Judges will consider:

- Achievements of the consortium to date
- Best practice in Diploma promotion among parents/students/staff/community
- Best practice in Diploma delivery among staff and partners
- Best practice in collaboration with employers/FE colleges/secondary schools
- Notable student/teacher/lecturer achievements
- Embedding the Diploma as part of school/college ethos

TEACHER OR LECTURER OF THE YEAR

This award will recognise the teacher or lecturer whose commitment and dedication to Diplomas has made a real difference to establishing the Diploma in their consortium. Judges will consider:

- Championing of the Diploma within the consortium
- Involvement with Gateway process/establishment of the Diploma
- Engagement with students and inspiring classroom practice
- Dedication to Diploma delivery and their students
- Best practice, innovation and the sharing of this with colleagues
- Going above and beyond

STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Presented to the student who has shown outstanding achievement in their Diploma studies so far (no actual results are necessary, this is an award for the student who is currently studying on a Diploma course and is excelling).

The judges will consider:

- Achievements of the student so far
- Dedication to and engagement with the Diploma course
- Excellent extended project / Additional and Specialist Learning
- Outstanding work experience
- Overcoming barriers to education / disadvantage or SEN

EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR

This award will recognise the employer who has shown exceptional dedication to the consortium and the Diploma.

Judges will consider:

- Dedication to the consortium and the Diploma
- Support offered to the consortium
- Enthusiasm for the Diploma and the consortium's work
- Extra support for establishing the Diploma
- Outstanding workplace experiences for students
- Going above and beyond

EXAM OFFICER OF THE YEAR

This award will recognise the exam officers who have shown exceptional dedication to Diploma exams management and administration. Judges will consider:

- Support offered to consortia colleagues and learners
- Those who have taken up the position of lead exam officer for their consortium
- Those who have helped to ensure successful Diploma aggregation for their one-year Diploma students
- Best practice in exams management and use of the Diploma Aggregation and Learner Registration services
- Taking a lead in sharing data across the consortium in a secure manner
- Proactive approach to ensuring efficiency and effectiveness across the consortia in maintaining learner records
- Engagement and collaboration with colleagues to support the development of a Consortium Exams Policy
- Imaginative, innovative and proactive approach to maintaining good communications with colleagues