

Leaders are sought to take Diplomas to the next stage

THE Diploma is a new qualification combining theoretical study with practical experience and is part of the Government's 14-19 education reform programme. Diplomas will cover 17 subjects, or lines, and will be available at three levels. Foundation and Higher Diploma students can go on to study for the next level or into work or an apprenticeship, while Advanced Diploma students can progress to a career or to university.

North Yorkshire County Council is inviting expressions of interest from schools, colleges or work-based education providers to lead bids to deliver any of the Diploma lines, which go to the next stage of the process in November.

The Diploma lines in the County's Consortiums are: **Craven** – creative & media; ICT; public services; **Hambleton and Richmondshire** – creative & media; sport &

active leisure; travel & tourism; **Harrogate** – business administration & finance; engineering; public services; travel & tourism; **Coast** – construction & the built environment; ICT; hospitality; travel & tourism; **Ryedale** – public services; sport & active leisure; travel & tourism; **Selby** – business administration & finance; environment & land-based, manufacturing & product design; public services; society health & development; sport & active leisure.

Providers should have evidence of a skilled workforce, high-class facilities and high-quality outcomes for pupils over a number of years. The Council may seek further information to determine the suitability of any provider.

• **Forms are available from Kevin Tharby at kevin.tharby@northyorks.gov.uk or on 01609 532048 and should be returned by September 9, 2009.**