

Introducing eFolio

Diplomas are exciting and innovative new qualifications for 14-19 year olds. They have been created to provide a real alternative to more traditional education and qualifications and are the most important changes to the country's education system since the introduction of GCSEs. Diplomas will give young people a fully rounded qualification, which combines theoretical and practical learning, including functional English, Maths and ICT, to equip them with the skills, knowledge and understanding they need for further or higher education and long-term employability.

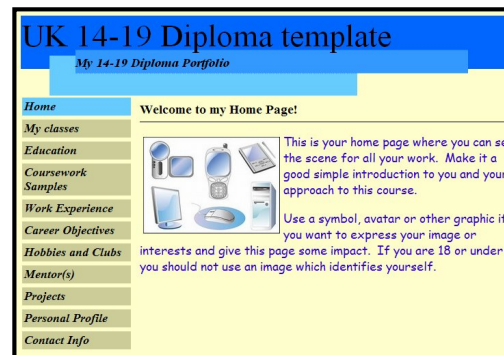


For the Diploma route, it is essential that work is collated in a presentation Portfolio - eFolio is designed for just this sort of work. They say 'a picture is worth a thousand words.' Well, how much more powerful a video or other rich-media? All of this can be kept in eFolio.

Managing a large number of courses and modules needs clarity of mind. The e-Portfolio is an excellent 'organiser' in this context, enabling the young student to focus upon what is important in each module, particularly when it comes to saying 'This collection is what represents the Real ME.'

Reflection can be a very profound learning experience whereby students learn to compare what they did even several years ago with what they can do now. Why students select certain artefacts and not others, why they see something as significant for them, and possibly not their 'best' work, is all about understanding oneself.

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media' can be uploaded or hyperlinks can be put in place to other repositories. It's just like owning your own website, but without the problems of understanding HTML or CSS. eFolio acts as a 'gatekeeper' in that the student must decide what to put in the portfolio rather than use it as a total repository for everything!

As young people progress through the Diploma course this will include time spent in studying Careers advice, developing Work Experience placements, PLTs, research projects and studying at different sites, none of which quite fit into the traditional system of formal timetabled lessons and subjects.

Towards the end of the course, students will have to face several situations in which they have to represent themselves, either to potential employers or applications to move on to further study at university and this is where eFolio really comes into its own!

But even then the e-Portfolio is not finished. It will become the constant companion within the very different social scene of employment or university life. At times a planner, at other times a tool for collaboration, using all the power of Web2.0 and at other times a confessional or private diary, the eFolio continues to evolve whenever and where ever one might be studying, full-time or part-time or just between jobs.

In every case eFolio is the ideal tool for representing one's self.

Far too often, Diploma students with otherwise good academic credentials might not have 'majored' in ICT at KS3 and thus invariably have little experience of HTML. The virtue of eFolio is that such skills are not necessary. Any form of text documents, scanned images or 'rich

