

To: Co-ordinators of Work Related Learning/Vocational Education
Secondary and Special Schools

**Awards for Careers Education and Preparation for Working Life: Briefing Session
Tuesday, 14 June 2005 - Norwich Professional Development Centre (Ref: 5BN003)**

Eight Norfolk schools have been piloting these National Open College Network (NOCN) QCA regulated qualifications and are continuing with the award this year. The qualifications were developed by a consortium of High Schools in Leicestershire and are designed to:

- support and accredit aspects of Work-Related Learning;
- complement learning opportunities within the National Curriculum Key Stage Four, including work experience/work related learning;
- engage students in constructive careers education and guidance;
- contribute to the delivery of Statutory Citizenship (2002) and Non-Statutory PSHE.

With support from the 14-19 Adviser and North Anglia Open College Network (NOCN), the pilot has confirmed that these modular qualifications are very manageable for staff and students and really hit the mark in terms of level and content. NOCN has been working closely with schools to identify and develop resources and to disseminate good practice in order to maximise student achievement.

Rated in the Recent DfES Consultation on Performance Tasks as equivalent to two GCSE's, there is the opportunity to find out more about these qualifications at a briefing on Tuesday, 14 June 2005, 4.30 – 6.00pm at Norwich Professional Development Centre.

The outline programme will be:

- Welcome and Introductions
- A quick introduction to the awards
- Experience of running the awards with representatives from pilot schools.
- Discussion

If you would like to attend one of the above sessions, please complete and return the booking form, **by 20th May**, to Cindy Burton, Norfolk Education Advisory Services, Professional Development Centre, Woodside Road, Norwich, NR7 9QL (tel: 01603 433276, fax: 01603 700236). Confirmation of places will be sent shortly before the briefing sessions.

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