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CREATIVE LEARNING

Last year Newham was one of the first places in the country to introduce a new style of learning called the diploma. Open to all secondary school students aged 14-19, diplomas offer a new style of practical learning.

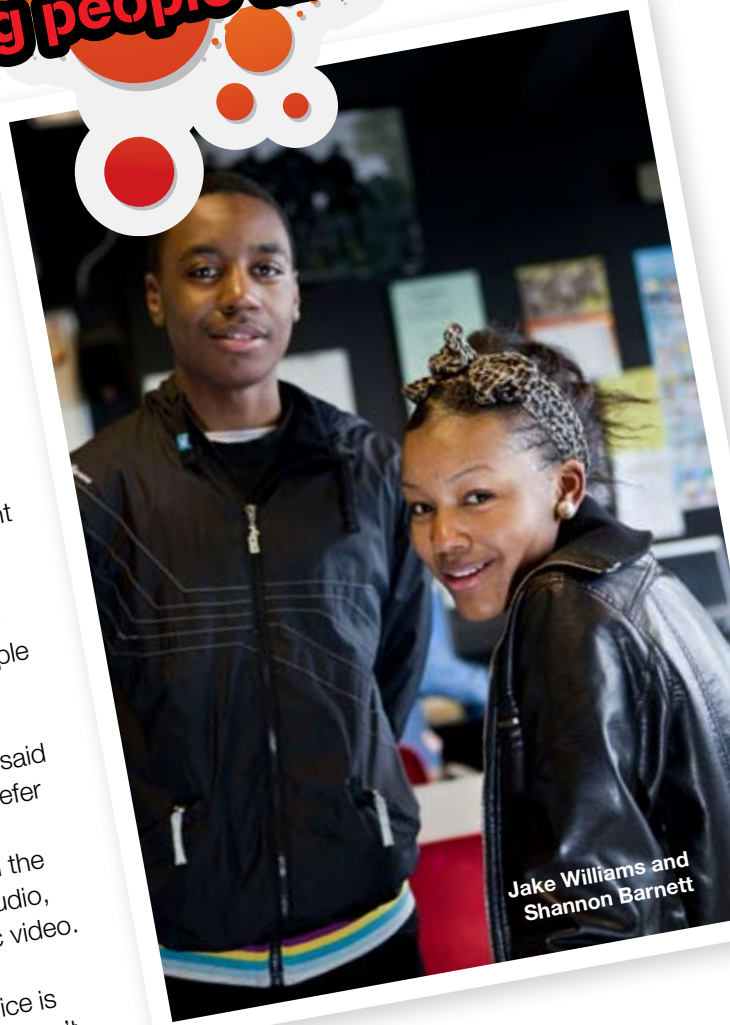
Lister School students Jake Williams (JW) and Shannon Barnett (SB), are both studying the creative and media diploma. They share their experiences, which included meeting grime star Kano.

JW: With the diploma, most of the work is practical and you get a chance to work with people from the industry. I've learnt what working in the real world is like. I like the fact that teachers treat us like adults, which makes me want to work harder.

When I was approached about the diploma advert with Kano I was flattered. As well as filming the ad we had to write down a set of questions to ask the director and had a chance to speak to the people working on set. Being involved in the ad and meeting all the people behind-the-scenes was great.

SB: My uncle chose to study a creative and media diploma. He said it was a good experience, that you learn a lot outside the box. I prefer visiting places and not always sitting in a classroom all day. From being on the course, I had the opportunity to take part in the advert featuring Kano. On the day of the shoot we toured the studio, met Kano and, as well as the advert, we helped make his music video. There were loads of takes!

If you prefer practical work then the diploma's for you. My advice is to choose the options you know you will like and you're good at. Don't follow your friends, do something you know you will get good grades in.



Jake Williams and Shannon Barnett

Visit <http://yp.direct.gov.uk/diplomas/kano> to see Jake and Shannon in action. Find out more about the different diplomas available by visiting www.newhamsussed.co.uk