

## DIPLOMA BUSINESS CHAMPIONS



Nicky Linihan



Drew Gibson



Suzanne Sandford

### EMPLOYERS SUPPORT THE DIPLOMAS

Diploma Business Champions work with the Basingstoke & Deane 14-19 Partnership actively to support the Diploma at a local level by undertaking a range of activities to promote all Diploma lines to employers and the business community.

Successful delivery of the new Diplomas relies on having good working relationships with employers. They play a key role in this qualification by providing work-related learning and work experience, so that students gain an in-depth understanding of the industry sectors relevant to their Diploma subject.

### INTRODUCING THE CHAMPIONS

Three local employers who have already worked with the Consortium on various projects are now lending their support to the Diplomas.

- ❖ Drew Gibson, Construction Manager from Wates, and Nicky Linihan, Head of Planning and Transport at Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council, have agreed to take on the role of Diploma Business Champion and will work with the Basingstoke & Deane 14-19 Partnership to promote the Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment
- ❖ Suzanne Sandford, Lead Vocational Learning Facilitator at Basingstoke and North Hampshire NHS Foundation Trust, will take on a similar role for the Diploma in Society, Health and Development.

More Champions will be recruited to support these two Diploma lines - and also Hair and Beauty Studies, IT and Creative and Media, as they come on stream.

Many thanks to our current Champions for their support, and for their commitment to providing “real” experiences for local students.