

# WELCOME TO CONSTRUCTION AT KIRKLEES COLLEGE

## WELCOME FROM THE CURRICULUM AREA MANAGER

“ Congratulations on receiving an offer of a place to study your T Level qualification within the Construction department. My name is Paul Whitaker and I am the Curriculum Area Manager for Brickwork. The building industry continues to grow and once again we have seen an increase in the number of students wishing to join us. All your lessons will take place at Brunel Construction Centre with a mix of practical and theory lessons. I look forward to seeing you in September and information regarding any required kit will be sent out to you closer to enrolment! ”



*Paul Whitaker*

## T LEVEL COURSES IN THIS AREA

- Onsite Construction: Bricklaying
- Onsite Construction: Carpentry and Joinery

## WHERE WILL YOU BE STUDYING?

### BRUNEL CONSTRUCTION CENTRE

This centre is located off Leeds Road in Huddersfield and is dedicated to the construction trades. The study programme offers a mixture of theory in the classroom and practical in dedicated workshops.

There is also a trade counter for students to visit to ensure they have the right materials for the job.

The centre has an LRC and a refectory area.



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## WHAT WILL YOU STUDY?

The construction industry continues to grow and there is currently a shortage of skilled construction workers to match the government's targets on new builds. At the start of your course, you will need a pair of steel toe cap boots that must be worn at all times in the workshops. All tools and building materials are supplied by the college.

This exciting new T Level qualification has been co-designed with leading employers to help you gain the knowledge and skills needed to work in the construction industry.

You will learn about general construction processes in our dedicated learning area and regardless of the specific pathway you've chosen, students on the bricklaying pathway or the carpentry and joinery pathway will learn the core content of this T Level together. Both these T Level pathways are designed to help you on your journey to more advanced levels within the industry such as site management.

On the bricklaying pathway, you will develop your skills by focusing on the technical work involved in setting out bricklaying, as well as focusing decorative brickwork panelling. Your learning will combine the theory of construction methods while also undertaking practical sessions in our bricklaying workshop.

You will cover topics that are relevant to the brickwork industry to prepare you for a future career in bricklaying, such as Building Information Modelling (BIM), where you create and manage information on a construction project throughout its life cycle.

On the carpentry and joinery pathway, you will cover a mixture of site and architectural joinery, where you'll make timber products such as doors, frames and windows and learn the skills and knowledge to create more complex joinery such as bay windows or curved doors.

You will cover topics that will help you gain an understanding in the joinery industry, the course tutors will also teach you the techniques required to use a range of hand and portable power tools to complete the desired product.

For both pathways, you will be studying in college two days a week and includes a mixture of blended learning which includes online work, your timetable will be confirmed before you start your studies

### ASSESSMENT

These T Levels are exam-based in your first year, so from September to June you will be preparing and learning to sit two core knowledge exam papers, which will be sat in June. You will also have an employer set project in your first year, which contains controlled assessments.

You'll also be assessed on occupational specialisms, which looks at what you're studying in your technical part of this qualification and how what you're learning in regards to your knowledge, skills and behaviours is relevant to an occupation.

### INDUSTRY PLACEMENT

On the course, you'll also undertake a minimum of 315 hours work in an industry placement. Your placement will start in the second year of your studies and be taken in a set block of weeks to give you the chance to get real experience in the construction industry, in your specific pathway. You will be supported in finding your placement. This is a mandatory aspect of the T Level where you will be required to work towards achieving set learning goals and complete the placement hours for a T Level certificate to be awarded.

## MEET ONE OF OUR SUBJECT TUTORS

“ Hi, I'm Ian, one of the construction tutors at the Brunel Construction Centre. I've been teaching at the college for a number of years now and as a department, we're pleased to help you start your journey in onsite construction. I'm proud to have taught so many students who have gone on to start their own businesses or contributed to the industry and I look forward to helping you take your first steps in September. ”

Ian Mellor



# FINANCIAL SUPPORT



## We can support you with:

- Applying for bursaries if you're eligible
- Buying uniform and kits
- Free college meals
- Support with travel costs – you can apply for a travel pass before you start or collect a form from college



# STUDENT SUPPORT

## We have a wide range of support available including:

- Dedicated Progress Coach. Your Progress Coach will work with you on a 1:1 basis to support you with your progress, needs and goals.
- Additional learning support. This is available for learners with specialist educational needs and disabilities and is delivered in various forms according to an individual's assessed needs or provisions within an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP.)
- Counselling service
- Careers advice

To find out more about our financial and student support, please scan the QR code



# CAREER PROGRESSION

After completing your course, you can progress to a higher apprenticeship or progress to one of our HNC/HND courses, which are the benchmark qualifications in the industry. This course is suitable for anyone wanting a career in construction, specifically in bricklaying or carpentry and joinery, depending on the pathway chosen.

A number of major UK universities accept T Levels, and we will support our students in this progression route to university. T Levels students can also progress onto employment in the following roles:

- Bricklayer
- Site Supervisor
- Site Manager
- Carpenter
- Joiner





# WELCOME DAYS

Come along to one of our welcome days to meet some of your classmates and tutors, ask any questions about your course and see what student life at Kirklees College has to offer. Look out for your invite in the post and remember to let us know if you're attending.



# OPEN DAYS



Our Open Days provide information about the facilities and support available at college, as well as offer parents / carers and applicants the opportunity to ask any questions about starting a course with us.

The dates for our Summer Open Days are:

## ALL DEWSBURY CENTRES

**WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE**

5PM - 7PM (last entry 6.30pm)

## ALL HUDDERSFIELD CENTRES

**THURSDAY 30 JUNE**

5PM - 7PM (last entry 6.30pm)

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93%

OF STUDENTS WOULD RECOMMEND KIRKLEES COLLEGE

97%

OF STUDENTS SAY THE COLLEGE IS WELCOMING FOR PEOPLE OF ALL BACKGROUNDS

95%

OF STUDENTS SAY THEIR COURSE ENCOURAGES THEM TO BE AN INDEPENDENT LEARNER

If you would like to speak to a tutor or have any questions about your course or application, please email [applications@kirkleescollege.ac.uk](mailto:applications@kirkleescollege.ac.uk)

Enrolment will be in August. More information will be sent out closer to the time.

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