

# Considering studying a BTEC in Construction?

We spoke to **Joseph** at **Dudley College** about why he chose to study a BTEC in Construction.



## **What qualification did you study?**

I hold a first-class bachelor's and Master's in Controls & Instrumentation Engineering (Electrical and Electronics)

## **Why did you choose to study a BTEC in Construction?**

I have switched to a long-term career in construction later in life - BTEC in construction offered me the chance to do this in line with my interests.



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## **Were you influenced/inspired to study a BTEC by anyone?**

I was curious to learn how building took form from an inception.

## **What skills have you learnt as part of your BTEC course?**

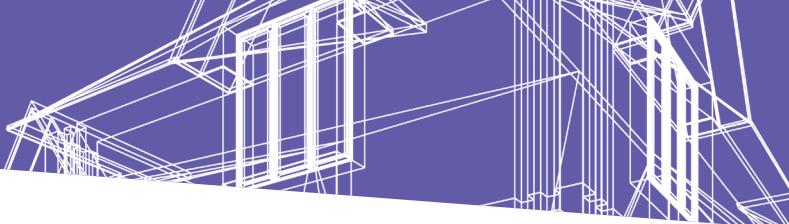
The BTEC journey so far has been incredible - (I've) been fortunate to pick up new skills such as collaboration, delegation and risk management.

## **How do you think a BTEC will prepare you for work?**

The BTEC has enabled me to understand construction from a broader perspective including the limitations of the industry. This has helped me forge a plan and prepare both short and long-term career goals.

## **What has been the best part of your BTEC course so far?**

I enjoy learning something new all the time and the BTEC has helped me achieve this.



## If you completed any work experience, what was it and how did you find it?

I had no construction industry experience prior to joining BTEC. The modules helped me to understand the industry and the technology associated with it.

## Can you tell us about any units you've enjoyed?

Although I have enjoyed all units to date - Unit 2 (construction technology) and Unit 3 (science and materials) have been my favorites. I mostly enjoy learning about the structural aspects of a building and these units covered a bit of structural analysis, construction technology analysis and methods of improvement.



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## What's been the most challenging thing about your BTEC course?

COVID-19, when I got furloughed, I had no choice but to start making back up plans and prepare for the worst-case scenario. However, thankfully I'm back at work and hopefully the pandemic is going to pass soon.

## What would you say to someone else thinking of doing a BTEC in Construction?

It is a great opportunity to help you confirm if construction is a worthwhile long-term option. Also, it offers a chance for your employer to learn about you and vice versa.

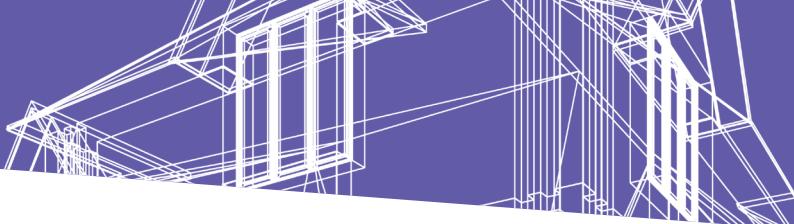
## What is your perception of the Construction sector now compared to before you started your BTEC course?

I had no prior experience of working in the construction industry, therefore I really didn't know much about it. However, following this experience I have gained an understanding of how demanding the industry can be at times, both physically and mentally.

## Did you always know what kind of job you wanted to do?

## Why did you think a BTEC would help with this?

No, I didn't know about my specific interests until after I started working in the industry. The BTEC has helped me to broaden my interests, beyond my day-to-day work.



## **What's been your greatest achievement to date?**

I was able to provide cover for one of the senior engineers within 3 months of joining the industry (of course with a bit of help from the rest of the engineering team).

## **Anything else you'd like to tell us?**

The lectures at Dudley college have been very helpful. I have been fortunate to have received teaching from some great lecturers. I'm thankful to the recruitment team, my employer, as well Dudley college who have been patient and thoughtful with us throughout this journey.



## **Are you studying any of the additional MOBIE units?**

Yes, our Unit 1 project covers the topic 'Implications of modern method of construction (MMC) on sustainability'.

## **How are these units preparing you for roles in the Construction industry?**

The objectives used within this topic reflect the construction market now. Every wave within the industry is based on objectives like these.

## **What skills are you learning whilst studying these units?**

Time and project management will be key skills gained through completion of these units.

## **What have you enjoyed most about studying any of these units?**

Learning about ways of introducing improvement.



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