

BTEC CONSTRUCTION

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Why did you choose to study a BTEC in Construction?

I started my BTEC when I was 16; I came out of school having done my GCSEs and chose not to do A Levels. I felt like I knew where I wanted to go and the BTEC was really good because it was more specific in an area that I was really interested in.

I think the skills and experience that I gained at 16, by being in the workplace, and by going through that more chosen academic route, which ultimately led me into university, was such a **brilliant starting foundation**. It allowed me to focus on

an area that I was particularly interested in, rather than going down the conventional route of channeling a little bit later down the line. **I'm a big ambassador BTEC and believe it is an excellent, valued way of starting a career path in construction.**

How do you think studying a BTEC helped you in your career? For me, my **BTEC was genuinely the foundation stone of my career.** It taught me so much about everything to do with construction, and if it wasn't for that, there's no way on earth I'd be where I am today.

What did you enjoy most about studying a BTEC? Being a designer, the design module was fantastic. **We did a lot; it was quite a broad spectrum of things.** We did surveying, quantity surveying, all sorts of measurements. We did things from heating systems to drainage systems – you name it.

Why would you recommend a career in construction? My BTEC course was massively diverse. We did many different modules, which were quite wide-ranging. And, people ended up doing lots of different things. Yes, we did have some quite traditional trades like bricklayers, plasterers and electricians, but we also had brilliant engineers and great designers. I went on to become an architect, so it's brilliant, the **range of careers you can get from a BTEC course.**

*this qualification has since been replaced by the current BTEC Nationals in Construction

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