

Considering studying a BTEC in Construction?

Harkesh Ram, Curriculum Leader at **Dudley College** tell us about his passion for teaching BTEC Construction qualifications and the benefits to learners going into the industry.



Please tell us what subjects you teach

We deliver the majority of the units in the BTEC Construction specification.

Why do you like teaching BTEC?

The units are excellent for both full time and apprenticeship students, and there are an array to choose from. The assignments can be adapted to suit real life scenarios and easily fit in the semesters, i.e. you can finish one unit and move on. There are clear outcomes and learning aims and it allows staff to be creative and use their skills to enhance the experience.

What do you enjoy most about teaching BTEC Construction?

The relevance of the qualification, options available, open to structure the course to suit many standards and full-time needs. It covers a wide range of built environment professions.

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How beneficial do you think BTECs are to the sector?

I think BTECs are very beneficial, especially for apprenticeships. In addition, to full-time learners who want a flavour of different disciplines in the built environment profession.

What skills does the BTEC National in Construction give your learners?

The BTEC National in Construction provides many skills, such as academic writing for university, problem solving and solution focus, the stretch and challenge of Pass to Distinction are well levelled to suit all learning needs. The qualification carries UCAS points and gives an understanding of different professions in the sector.

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How do you think the skills learnt on a BTEC course prepare learners for future work?

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Can you tell us about any exciting projects, events or workshops your learners/college have been involved with for Construction?

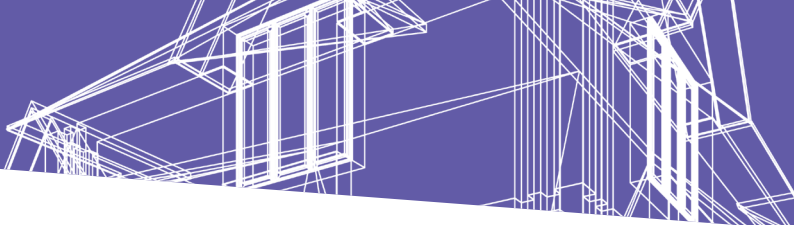
Our students have been engaged in immersive learning using the latest visual design technologies in construction as well as adopting advance GSS and GPs surveying which is the future of the industry. They have also been involved in Modern Methods of Construction with a modular house being built on site in the workshop.

Why do you think employers value BTECs?

As they understand the programme, the day and block release options suit them. They can choose the units and tailor to their particular organisation.

What have previous BTEC Construction learners gone on to achieve?

Many of our students progress to university and employment in the sector.



How important do you think the Construction workforce is in current times?

I think more trained CBE students in Digital and Geospatial skills if the future of the industry alongside modern methods of construction.



Are you delivering any of the four new additional MOBIE units? If so, which ones and why?

Yes we are delivering up to date with the sector and home into Modern Methods of Construction.

What is the benefit to your learners of studying these new units?

Their relevance to the sector and essential to modern practices.