

LEVEL 1 BRICKWORK

Subject Area

Student Type

Study Mode

Construction &

Construction Trades

Students aged 16-18

Full Time

What is the course about?

This one-year course is ideal if you would like to follow a career path in bricklaying as it provides an excellent starting point for those with little or no experience in the field. The course acts as a foundation before you take the next steps in your learning and development, teaching you the basic practical and theoretical elements of brickwork. This will enable you to get to grips with the skills required to make a good tradesperson within the construction industry.

Why should I choose the course?

This course is ideal if you have an interest in the specialist trade of bricklaying and are looking to progress in the construction industry as a bricklayer. You will gain an industry recognised qualification from City & Guilds and study in our dedicated Colin Daniels Construction Centre, which houses well-equipped workshops containing a wide range of tools and materials. There has never been a more exciting time to start a bricklaying career. There is a huge drive to build thousands of new homes each year throughout the UK, meaning your skills will be in very high demand once you qualify. This course will give you the essential skills you need to break into this thriving industry.

What will I learn?

You will learn how to construct basic brickwork structures, including setting up, cavity walling, blockwork, and mixing mortar and concrete alongside learning essential health and safety. You will be assessed through a range of methods including: practical assessments, job-related tests and online computer exams. All of this is delivered in our specialist construction workshops, and you will also have access to well-equipped classrooms and computer facilities.

*Irrespective of your GCSE results, all students will start at level 1 and learn basic skills before progressing through the course levels.

What will the course lead on to?

After successfully completing this course, you will have the skills and knowledge to progress on to the Level 2 Brickwork, where you will refine your skills as a more experienced bricklayer. Alternatively, you may wish to pursue an apprenticeship and gain a qualification whilst earning a wage. The construction industry is thriving, and with hard work and relevant experience you could soon be working your way up the career ladder to become a construction site supervisor or even a surveyor. With a government target of 300,000 new homes to be built per year, the earning potential in this industry is incredible.



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Are there any links with industry and university?

This course benefits from excellent employer links with a number of local and national companies such as Vinci Construction, David Wilson Homes, Persimmon Homes, Taylor Wimpey, and Cruden Construction. We invite these companies into the college to deliver fascinating guest lectures and demonstrations of new technology and equipment, enabling you to stay up to date and ahead of the game when you begin your career.

What support is available?

You will be allocated a progress coach who will provide you with support to help you succeed on your study programme and progress on to your chosen career or progression path. We have a team of staff dedicated to providing learning support if required, as well as a Welfare Team that is on hand to offer guidance, support and help when needed.

Additionally, eligible students can access a wide range of finance and funding support to help them during their time at college.

Click here for learning support: <https://wvr.ac.uk/college-life/learning-support>

Click here for finance support: <https://wvr.ac.uk/college-life/financial-support>

Why should I choose to study the course at Warrington & Vale Royal College?

Studying brickwork with us will enable you to work towards a successful career in the construction industry whether it's with local or national companies or through self-employed routes. Our expert tutors will teach you all aspects of the building trade and prepare you to enter the industry as a skilled bricklayer. You will gain the skills and confidence to eventually secure employment in this area, whether it be on commercial developments, starting your own construction company, or working in a supervisory or management role. You will also get lots of opportunities to compete in external competitions. Each year our students bring home a host of medals from the National SkillBuild Competition, which is the biggest multi-trade competition in the UK for trainees.

What are the entry requirements?

You will need a minimum of four GCSEs at grade 2 or above. If you have not already achieved a grade 4 in your GCSE English and/or maths, you will be required to work towards either a GCSE or functional skills qualification in English and/or maths as part of your study programme.

Irrespective of your GCSE results, most students will start at level 1 and learn basic skills before progressing through the levels.

Are there any additional costs associated with the course?

There may be some additional costs associated with this course, as you will be expected to purchase your own personal protective equipment (PPE) including safety footwear (no rigger style boots), a polo shirt, and work trousers. This is a mandatory requirement for all our construction courses. There may also be some additional expenditure associated with trips and visits.



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