Subject Area Student Type Study Mode

Construction & **Construction Trades** Students aged 16-18 Full Time

#### What is the course about?

This exciting one-year course will build on your existing skills and will lead you towards a successful career in this thriving field. Whether you want to work as part of a larger company or aspire to set up your own business, this course will help you reach your career goals. You will gain a variety of skills in fitting, servicing and repairing plumbing systems.

### Why should I choose the course?

If you are a very practical person and enjoy working with resistance materials, this course is ideal for you. The course will provide you with the skills and knowledge needed for a career within the plumbing industry. You will have the opportunity to study in our fully equipped construction facilities with well-kitted out, modern workshops. Working with industry-standard equipment will help prepare you for employment in this industry.

#### What will I learn?

This practical course covers a wide range of topics including health and safety, site preparation, hot and cold water, central heating, above ground drainage, science principals, environmental awareness, and the structure of the building industry. You will also continue to build your practical experience through on-site work.

\*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?

With a booming construction industry and government initiatives aimed at installing renewable energy into all households, there's never been a better time to consider a career in plumbing. Following successful completion of this course, there are several further training courses that you can undertake to expand and develop your skills in areas such as heating, ventilation and air conditioning, and renewable energy.

You may wish to progress onto the Level 3 Plumbing course with the possibility of converting your Level 2 into an NVQ if employment within the industry is gained.

## Are there any links with industry and university?









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The college works with many local and national trades companies such as Aquila Plumbing, H20, and Ocean Bathrooms. You will hear from leading industry professionals, which will enhance your skills and prepare you for working life in this field. As well as inviting a range of industry experts to deliver talks on career progression, we also invite tool manufacturers to present the latest tools, ensuring that you are kept up to date with the latest equipment. Companies include Screwfix, MKM, Monument Tools and Nerrad Tools.

### 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?

During your time at the college, you will have the opportunity to take part in activities that will enrich your time here alongside your course. You can actively participate in activities to boost your skills in equality and diversity, confidence, leadership, teamwork, health and wellbeing, and self-motivation, which can all help to enhance your employability. Every year our plumbing students go on educational visits which enhance the learning process.

### What are the entry requirements?

Minimum 3 GCSES at grade 3 or above, or succesful completion of Level 1 Plumbing. You must have GCSE English and maths at grade 4 or above.

### Are there any additional costs associated with the course?

You will need to purchase appropriate safety footwear to wear during practical sessions. Rigger boots are not allowed.

You will also be expected to be equipped with suitable writing equipment including pens, paper, folders, and a calculator.

You will also need the Plumbing Level 2 textbook, for which the approximate cost is £30 for a new copy.

A CSCS Card would be required if you participate on work placements, at a cost of £30.

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