

Level 1 Diploma in Carpentry and Joinery



Subject Area	Construction
Course Type	School Leavers
Study Level	Level 1
Delivery Mode	Full-time
Duration	1 Academic Year
Start Date	September 2026
Course Code	PA000859

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Course Summary

Our Level 1 Carpentry & Joinery course offers an ideal starting point for learners who want to begin their training and work towards a future career in the carpentry and joinery industry. It introduces the core principles behind one of the most practical and skilled roles in the construction industry, giving learners a clear first step into the world of carpentry and joinery. At least half of the course is spent completing practical tasks in the workshop, giving you hands-on experience while you learn the key principles of the trade. You will also spend dedicated time in the classroom developing your understanding of the theory to support your practical skills.

This course includes project-based learning that embeds GCSE Maths and GCSE English directly into theoretical and practical, vocational tasks through a contextualised model. This ensures learners develop relevant, essential and applied skills that align with the expectations of the construction industry and support their long-term progression.

What You Will Learn

You will learn how to follow health and safety practices, know and use tools and equipment for a range of carpentry and joinery tasks, and work with different types of timber materials, fixings and accessories. You will be able to hone your hand skills in the workshop by measuring and marking out, cutting and shaping timber, and assembling a range of basic carpentry and joinery components. This will include a basic understanding of essential techniques such as checking accuracy, measurement, ensuring correct alignment, and assessing the quality of your finished work.

Modules

Principles of Building Construction, Information and Communication

Maintain and Use Carpentry and Joinery Hand Tools

Prepare and Use Carpentry and Joinery Portable Power Tools

Produce Woodworking Joints

Health, Safety and Welfare in Construction

Entry Requirements

Applicants must have GCSE Maths and GCSE English at a grade 3 as a minimum

Learners progressing internally must have also successfully completed an Introduction to Construction qualification.

Work Experience

You will undertake at least two meaningful encounters with employers, giving you a genuine introduction to the world of work. Throughout the course, you will partake in workplace visits, industry insight events, employer talks and practical workshops, all designed to build your communication, problem-solving and teamwork skills. You will also undertake focused employability activities, including CV writing, job applications and interview skills.

You will additionally partake in activities that support wellbeing and mental health, helping you build confidence, resilience and positive habits as you prepare for future study and employment.

Progression

Successful completion of this course can lead to progression onto our Level 2 Diploma in Carpentry & Joinery, as well as opportunities for employment or an apprenticeship.

Careers include:

Site Carpenter

Bench Joiner

Shop Fitter

Kitchen Fitter

Modular Build Installer

Wood Machinist

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