

OPTIONS COURSE

CONSTRUCTING THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT (WJEC)

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QUALIFICATION

WJEC Level 2 Award in Constructing the Built Environment

FACULTY

VOCATIONAL

STAFF CONTACT

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WHAT QUALITIES & SKILLS DO I NEED?

You should be enthusiastic and want to learn about construction in a wider context. You need to be well motivated and be able to work independently. Good organisational skills are essential as well as being able to meet common deadlines. **This is a level 2 course so a good level of mathematical and literacy skills are desirable**

COURSE FOLLOWED:

WJEC Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Constructing the Built Environment

HOW IS THE COURSE ORGANISED & ASSESSED?

The course has course work assignments set with deadlines for their submission. The grading criteria for the course are fail, pass merit and distinction.

Two units (Planning construction projects and Health, Safety and Security in construction) have external exams taken during year 10 and 11. There will be 3 units, with approximately half of one of them being weighted towards the practical elements and the others covering Health and Safety, construction technology, construction and design and science, project planning and mathematical applications in construction.

Compulsory Units

- Health Safety and Security in construction - external exam
- Developing construction projects - practical assessment and coursework
- Planning construction projects - external exam

Practical work (examples)

- Exploring Carpentry and Joinery
- Exploring Trowel operations
- Exploring Painting and Decorating



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ARE WJEC RECOGNISED QUALIFICATIONS?

Many qualified people started their career with a WJEC qualification. The WJEC Level 2 Award is the equivalent of 1 GCSE at grade 4 or above (depending upon the grade achieved).

ARE THERE ANY PRACTICAL ASSESSMENTS IN THE COURSE?

Yes on the practical skill based unit. Qualifications that are worth anything have to be earned and contain both theory and practical elements.

ARE THERE ANY EXAMS IN CONSTRUCTION?

There are two exams on the Health and Safety and Project planning units which you **must** pass to succeed but assessments of both your skills and knowledge are ongoing and continuous throughout the whole two year programme. You will be frequently assessed to ensure the quality of your construction work is up to standard.

DO I HAVE TO DO MUCH WRITTEN WORK?

Yes you will have to produce some written work as what is ultimately assessed by the awarding body is your portfolio which demonstrates your skills and competences. Your portfolio will be internally assessed before being externally verified.

WHAT ABOUT THE MATHS?

In construction, areas, volumes and quantities and prices have to be calculated so a good basic level of numeracy is desirable

