

# Carpentry and Joinery

## Why study this course at Riverside College?

Our purpose-built workshop has been developed to accommodate all of the necessary facilities and equipment you could hope for to achieve the best results.

All students will use the most up to date high quality tools and equipment that you would see on a daily basis out in industry. We have purpose-built Joinery workshops at Riverside with all of the facilities and equipment you could hope for to achieve the best results.

This course is designed for students who have a keen interest in Carpentry and Joinery and the construction industry. Our team of lecturers are experienced in all types of Carpentry and Joinery and have a wealth of knowledge to pass on to our learners.

We are involved in national competitions and encourage all learners to get involved and test their skills against other students from colleges within the UK.

During the course the opportunity to complete projects out on site will arise, this gives you the bonus of gaining real life work experience to prepare you for the workplace.

As part of the course, you will produce several pieces of practical work to industrial standards that will demonstrate your ability.

## Are there any costs associated with this course?

Each learner is required to purchase a Riverside College Hi Vis Polo shirt, work trousers, safety boots, stationary equipment and a ring binder with note paper.

## Enrichment opportunities

The College has a full enrichment programme and all learners are expected to make the most of their time with us, why not enjoy your free time with your tutor group. New enrichment activities include; various sports tournaments, table tennis, X-Box competitions, remote control model racing. There will also be various trips and visits throughout the year.

## Work experience

During the course all learners are encouraged to gain work experience in order to make the transition to the workplace as smooth as possible.

The practical work you will undertake will prepare you for real life situations. You will also complete out of college projects designed to support the community and allow you to gain valuable experience on site.

## How will I be assessed?

Assessment is carried out on all practical tasks throughout the year, which will be graded Pass, Merit or Distinction. You will create a portfolio and will also be assessed through online and paper-based theory exams at the end of each theory unit.

## Constructions Skills Centre Outstanding workshops and facilities

Students studying construction courses at Riverside College will benefit from the exceptional workshops and facilities in our £3.6 million Construction Skills Centre. We offer training in a wide range of trades including plumbing, carpentry & joinery, brickwork, electrical installation and painting & decorating.



## Unique Experience

- New Gas Training Centre
- Work experience for all students
- Extensive links with local and national employers including Halton Housing, Bell Group, Johnstone's Paints, Dulux, Wolseley (formerly Plumb Centre), Paslode, Travis Perkins, Metso, Bloor Homes and Jewson
- Take part in WorldSkills and other regional and national competitions



## Joinery Level 1 Diploma - 1 Year

### Entry Requirements

Four GCSEs Grade 9 – 2, including Maths and English Language.

### What will I learn on this course?

The course will cover topics including:

- Building methods and construction
- Working with hand and power tools
- Producing basic joinery items
- The preparation of different materials and a full selection of timber joints
- Communication skills required for today's workplace
- Safe working practices
- Information, quantities and communication with others

### What will this course lead on to?

On successful completion of this course, you could progress to the Level 2 Diploma Carpentry and Joinery. Alternatively, you could also apply for an electrical apprenticeship.

## Carpentry and Joinery Level 2 Diploma - 1 Year

### Entry Requirements

Four GCSEs Grade 9 – 3 including Maths, English Language. Or the successful completion of a Level 1 Diploma in Joinery plus English Language and Maths at grade 9 – 3.

### What will I learn on this course?

The course will cover topics including:

- Safe working practices
- Information, quantities and communication with others
- Building methods and construction
- Roofing and flooring
- Stairs and kitchens
- Skirting boards, architraves
- Door frames, doors and windows

As part of the course you will produce several pieces of practical work to be assessed that will demonstrate your ability and allow you to progress.

### What will this course lead on to?

On successful completion of this course, you could progress to the Level 3 Advanced Diploma in Carpentry and Joinery. Alternatively, you could also apply for an apprenticeship.

## Carpentry and Joinery Level 3 Advanced Diploma - 1 Year

### Entry Requirements

You must have successfully completed Level 2 Diploma in Carpentry and Joinery and GCSE Grade 4 or Level 2 in English Language and Maths.

### What will I learn on this course?

The course will cover topics including:

- Carry out second fixing
- Erect complex structural carcassing components
- Maintain non-structural and structural components
- Set up and use fixed and transportable machinery
- Information, quantities and communicating with others
- Building methods and construction technology
- Carry out first fixing operations

### What will this course lead on to?

This course can gain you employment as a Joiner on a construction site. Some learners progress into higher education to study site management.



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