

Building Skills

14-16 Schools Link Programme in Construction

If you are in Year 10 and feel like you would benefit from learning practical construction skills away from school, our 14-16 programme might be the right option for you.

As well as working towards a vocational qualification in construction, you will also gain experience within a professional pre-college environment which is very different to school.



Supporting schools with the Gatsby Benchmarks



What is a Schools Link?

Preston Vocational Centre has excellent links with schools across Lancashire where they work in partnership to offer vocational construction courses to Key Stage 4 pupils. This gives pupils the opportunity to develop their practical skills, ready for further study or an apprenticeship.

What is our Building Skills Programme?

This is a two year programme that delivers a technical qualification, covering the City and Guilds 6219 suit of units. This is broadly equivalent to one GCSE Grade 2-5. It is designed for 14-16 year groups who are working at level 1 and want to include a study of construction in their broader Key Stage 4 curriculum. Pupils benefit from small class sizes where they can receive extra input from our highly experienced tutors.

- Duration:** Two Years (timetabled within the year 10 and 11 curriculum)
- Start dates:** September (Year 10)
- Qualification:** City and Guilds 6219 Extended Certificate in Construction Skills (QCF)
- Exam/Assessment:** There is no exam as it's an ongoing assessment
- Entry requirements:** Working at Level 1



This practical City and Guilds course is an ideal basis for developing construction skills. It provides an engaging and relevant introduction to the world of construction, preparing pupils for a range of trades within the industry that includes:

- Bricklaying
- Plastering
- Joinery and Carpentry
- Painting
- Plumbing
- Health and Safety in Construction

Pupils will be required to wear clothing that is suitable for a workshop environment and full personal protective equipment (PPE) including steel toe cap boots in the workshop. Preston Vocational Centre can provide steel toe cap boots and overalls; however, we recommend pupils bring their own.

Qualification

City and Guilds 6219 Level 1 Extended Certificate in Construction Skills

(QCF) Course content:

- Introduction to Health and Safety in Construction
- Developing Bricklaying Skills
- Developing Carpentry Skills
- Developing Joinery Skills
- Developing Painting Skills
- Developing Plumbing Skills
- Developing Plastering Skills

Moving on...

As part of our Building Skills programme, we will support pupils with applying for an apprenticeship, further education, training, or employment. Although we cannot guarantee a permanent position at the end of the programme, we can provide pupils with transferable skills, a qualification and valuable experience that will benefit their future career.

Achievement of a level 1 qualification will give pupils the opportunity to apply directly on to level 2 vocational courses with their chosen provider.

Building Skills - Building Futures



Aims and Objectives

Our broad aims are to build upon the success of the Centre, particularly focusing in the following areas:



Mission Statement

To deliver the highest quality construction based vocational training and support to enable young people and adults to gain skills, qualifications and confidence to enhance their potential and build a positive future.



About Preston Vocational Centre

Preston Vocational Centre have been committed in providing construction vocational training in painting and decorating, joinery and carpentry, building maintenance, brick work, plumbing, plastering and health and safety with high quality support to young people and adults in Lancashire for over 10 years.

- PVC offer accredited and non-accredited learning and development opportunities that supports people to take positive steps towards achieving their full potential.
- PVC are an inclusive learning environment and focused on the needs of our participants to enable opportunities in the world of work.
- PVC keep their strapline of 'Building Skills – Building Futures' as the core ethos of the centre, the basis of all their decisions and at the forefront of everything they do.

Our Achievements

PVC has supported over 6,000 participants to improve their employable futures

PVC has worked with 245 learners over the past 12 months from 27 schools in Lancashire (mostly in Preston)

In 2019/20 PVC saw 90% of learners achieve a positive destination (retained in education, training, further education or employment)



Testimonials

Gabriel Watson - Joinery Apprentice

“I went to PVC once a week to do a number of different trades. I realised I really enjoyed joinery and felt like that’s what I wanted to carry on doing. When I completed my construction course, I started looking for an apprenticeship in joinery and applied for college. I contacted loads of companies that just took my details but then I got a call from PVC telling me that CCH Joinery were looking for someone; I applied and was successful. When I first decided I wanted to get an apprenticeship, lots of people said my first year would be just watching and cleaning up, but that’s not been the case at CCH, I have been involved from the beginning and I am learning every day and enjoying my time here working on the current project at the Purple Pantry.”



Ben – School Leaver

“I would say to anyone who gets a chance to come to PVC – give it a go! I worked on a scaled-down house at PVC - I built it almost all by myself. I did the plastering, roof, the windows, insulation and brickwork. The Bob Marley mural is one of mine too. It makes you feel proud to see what you’ve achieved. The tutors are great and I’ve tried to put something back by helping out with a bit of on-site maintenance. PVC was definitely ‘the place to be’ for me and I’m excited for my future career.”



Luke Garity - Joinery Apprentice

“I started out my journey at PVC where I learned several trades in the construction industry and gained vital knowledge. Guided by my tutors, I applied for a joinery apprenticeship at CCH Joinery and landed an interview. After a very long 24 hours I was contacted by CCH and was offered the position of Apprentice Joiner. I was made up and this couldn’t have happened without the fantastic help and belief that PVC had in me. I cannot thank PVC enough and I strongly recommend them to anybody.”



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