



Vocational
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Welcome to our Vocational Pathway

6th Form @PA helps all of its students to 'Discover their Future' through a foundation of aspiration and academic achievement within a supportive community focused environment. We offer a broad range of vocational subjects which open doors to a range of future careers, as well as feeding individual interests. We pride ourselves in the first class careers information and guidance provided to students, as reported in our 2020 Ofsted inspection which stated that students 'feel well supported by staff when making plans for the future'.

Our vocational pathway is for students who enjoy a 'hands on' approach to learning and where a Level 3 pathway is not appropriate. You will benefit from continuing to be a Plympton Academy student whilst also having industry based experience. These Level 1 or 2 courses combine work related learning and a work placement as well as our Sixth Form enrichment offer and support with Functional Skills Maths and English as required.

We use a range of training providers from across the city to ensure you get the best experience possible. This includes -

Achievement Training
Construction Training South West
GHQ
Norpro Training Ltd

There are a wide range of courses on offer, ranging from Motor Mechanics, Marine Engineering, Plastering, Carpentry, Bricklaying, Hair, Electrical Installation and Early Years.

If students choose to take this route then they will have one day of schooling, including English and Maths where needed, two days with a training provider and two days work experience.

Students will be overseen by our dedicated vocational lead who will visit them at their college and work experience placement.

Through the support of Plympton Academy students will gain an excellent knowledge of their chosen field as well as the skills needed to thrive in their chosen area.

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How to APPLY



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You have reached an important milestone in your education and it's time to make some life changing decisions about your next steps in learning. If you are interested in joining the Plympton Academy Sixth Form we would like to hear from you. There are several steps in finding out more about us and making an application.

January 10th 2022 - Deadline for Applications

An application form is included with this prospectus. Later applications may be made, but it is advantageous to meet the deadline because interviews are arranged on receipt of an application form and subject groups are formed soon after the interview period.

January 2022 - Sixth Form Interviews

Interviews will be held to give you further guidance. They may also be arranged for later applicants.

Spring Term 2022 - Confirmation of Subject Blocks

August 25th 2022 - GCSE Results Arrive

Members of staff will be in the Academy to help and support you with future pathways.

September 2022 - Courses Start

With individual meetings with tutors to receive more help and guidance.

Entry Requirements

In order to join our vocational pathway it is important that students demonstrate commitment to their learning in Year 11. Whilst there are no academic grade requirements for entry, we ask that pupils have a good attendance record and demonstrable positive behaviour.

Students will need to commit to the full programme of vocational training in order to be accepted.

If you would like to find out more please contact our Assistant Principal and Head of Sixth Form Ms Kerr (6thform@plympton.academy).

We look forward to hearing from you.



Katie Kerr

Assistant Principal with responsibility for Sixth Form strategy



Maria Arkell

Vocational Lead



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HAIRDRESSING



ghqtraining.co.uk

Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Hairdressing

Overview

This course is designed for learners who work in or wish to pursue a career in hairdressing. The Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Hairdressing provides the necessary skills and knowledge that prove occupational competence as a junior stylist.

This qualification allows candidates to learn, develop and practice the skills required to provide hairdressing services for all hair types. The Level 2 NVQ diploma in Hairdressing covers a range of skills and knowledge such as cutting, drying, styling, colouring and lightening, relaxing and perming as well as shampooing and consulting with clients.

Entry Requirements

- No prior experience or qualifications are required, just a passion for hairdressing.
- Candidates are required to supply hairdressing kit and uniform (details can be obtained from GHQ Training).
- Uniform for hairdressers at GHQ is black and white only and 'closed in' comfortable shoes.
- Providers may consider that a Level 1 pathway is more suitable to some applicants.

All mandatory units must be achieved; you will then choose 9 credits from the optional units to make up the necessary number of credits needed for the qualification.

Units

- Style and finish hair (6 credits)
- Set and dress hair (7 credits)
- Cut hair using basic techniques (12 credits)
- Colour and lighten hair (14 credits)
- Advise and consult with clients (8 credits)
- Shampoo, condition and treat the hair and scalp (5 credits)
- Develop and maintain your effectiveness at work (3 credits)

Progression

On completion of this qualification you will have obtained the skills, knowledge and understanding to progress on to a higher level qualification in the same or similar occupational area or progress into employment. Alternatively, they could progress to a Level 3 Hairdressing or an apprenticeship.

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EARLY YEARS



www.achievementtraining.com

Level 2 Technical Certificate in Working with Children in Early Years and Primary Settings

Overview

On this course you will study towards both the level 2 Technical Certificate in Working with Children in Early Years and Primary Settings and the Award in Support Work in Schools and Colleges. This course covers a range of knowledge, understanding and skills needed to care for and educate children aged between 0 and 11 years old.

Units

- Child development from birth to 11 years
- Play and learning
- Exploring legislation
- The role of the childcare practitioner

- Nutrition
- Physical development and physical activity

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Progression

This qualification allows progression onto Level 3 Early Years Educator qualifications and other Level 3 qualifications relating to Childcare, Health and Social Care or Supporting Teaching and Learning. It is designed as an entry to employment at Level 2 and will support progression into a range of job roles in the statutory, voluntary or private sectors such as Teaching Assistant, Learning Support Assistant and Special Needs Assistant.

Supporting Teaching and LEARNING IN SCHOOLS

Level 2 Diploma in Supporting Teaching and Learning

Overview

You will acquire an in-depth understanding of the knowledge and skills needed when working directly with children and young people in school and college environments. You will study a range of themes including, safeguarding and welfare, communication, professional relationships and Child and young person development.

Units

Level 2 certificates are also comprised of both mandatory and optional units, including;

- Safeguarding the welfare of children and young people
- Help improve own and team practice in schools
- Support children and young people's positive behaviour
- Provide displays in schools
- Provide support for therapy sessions

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Progression

This qualification allows progression onto Level 3 Supporting Teaching and Learning in schools. It is designed as an entry to employment at Level 2 and will support progression into a range of job roles in the statutory, voluntary or private sectors.



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Motor Vehicle MAINTENANCE



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Level 1 Diploma In Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair

Overview

If you are interested in working within engineering as a fabricator and welder, then this is the place to start. This course will cover the foundation principles of;

- Health and safety
- Tools and equipment
- Knowledge of materials
- Fabrication and measuring devices
- Steering systems, suspension, braking and electrical systems
- Wheels and tyres

Requirements

There are no entry requirements for this course. People with limited amount of knowledge on the subject may join the course. Minimum age of entry is 16 years old.

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Progression

Progression can be into Level 2 light Vehicle or Level 2 Light Vehicle Accident and Repair, Apprenticeships or to employment and further training.

Marine ENGINEERING

Level 2 Diploma in Marine Construction Systems Engineering & Maintenance (Marine Engineering)

Overview

The aim of this qualification is to offer students 16 years and over a flexible range of units which have been tailored to support a specialised learning package which delivers the foundation skills for engineering.

Entry Requirements

No specific entry requirements. Minimum age of entry is 16 years old. At times the employer may consider a Level 1 alternative qualification as more appropriate.

Unit Overview

Units to be studied include;

- Principles of boat building technology
- Interior installation and fitting of boats
- Yachts and boat building and sub assembly

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Progression

On completion of this qualification you will have obtained the skills, knowledge and understanding to progress on to a higher level qualification in the same or similar occupational area or progress into employment. Progression is into the Level 3 Marine engineering qualification, an apprenticeship or employment.



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BRICKLAYING



CTSW SKILLS LTD

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Level 2 Diploma in Bricklaying

Overview

The Level 2 Diploma in Bricklaying qualification has been developed for achievement in a training environment which means you do not need to be employed to undertake this qualification.

This qualification enables you, the learner, to demonstrate and recognise your skills, knowledge and understanding so you can work as a Bricklayer within the construction industry.

You will be assessed against a set of performance and knowledge statements which have been derived from National Occupational Standards for your occupational area. You will be trained and assessed by an occupationally competent and qualified trainer whose job is to help you complete your qualification.

This qualification supports the learner to attain enabling, fundamental and transferable practical skills with associated underpinning knowledge.

Entry Requirements

There are no formal entry requirements to take this qualification. This qualification can be undertaken without any previous training or qualifications in this subject area. You do not need any prior qualifications to undertake this Level 2 qualification. At times the provider may consider it more appropriate for the applicant to complete a Level 1 alternative qualification.

Units

- Health, safety and welfare
- Information, quantities and communication
- Construction Technology

The Learner will also learn key practical skills and knowledge in;

- Set out masonry structures
- Construct solid walling incorporating isolated and attached piers
- Construct cavity walling forming masonry structures
- Construct masonry cladding

- Construct thin joint masonry

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Progression

On completion of this qualification you will have obtained the skills, knowledge and understanding to progress on to a higher level qualification in the same or similar occupational area or progress into employment in their chosen trade. For further details on other qualifications available in this occupational area, see our Qualification Search on the NOCN website.

Industry will accept the qualification on its own as entry to a job role.

Employment opportunities could include;

- Bricklayer
- Trainee Supervisor | Team leader

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CARPENTRY



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Level 2 Diploma in Site Carpentry

Overview

The Level 2 Diploma in Site Carpentry qualification has been developed for achievement in a training environment which means you do not need to be employed to undertake this qualification. This qualification enables you, the learner, to demonstrate and recognise your skills, knowledge and understanding so you can work as a Site Carpenter within the construction industry. You will be assessed against a set of performance and knowledge statements which have been derived from National Occupational Standards for your occupational area. You will be trained and assessed by an occupationally competent and qualified trainer whose job is to help you complete your qualification.

Units

This qualification comprises the following 8 mandatory units;

- Health, safety and welfare in construction and associated industries
- Prepare and use carpentry and joinery portable power tools
- Understanding information, quantities and communication with others
- Understanding construction technology
- Carry out first fixing operations
- Carry out second fixing operations
- Carry out structural carcassing operations
- Carry out maintenance to non-structural carpentry work

Entry Requirements

There are no formal entry requirements to take this qualification. This qualification can be undertaken without any previous training or qualifications in this subject area, however we do offer a Level 1 in Carpentry and Joinery which will give you the knowledge and skills required to work in the construction industry, at times provides may consider this a more appropriate pathway.

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Progression

On completion of this qualification you will have obtained the

skills, knowledge and understanding to progress on to a higher level qualification in the same or similar occupational area or progress into employment in their chosen trade. For further details on other qualifications available in this occupational area, see our Qualification Search on the NOCN website.

Level 2 Advanced Apprenticeship in Construction Building and Site Carpentry

Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Wood Occupations

Industry will accept the qualification on its own as entry to a job role.

Employment opportunities could include;

- Site carpenter
- Trainee Supervisor | Team leader

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Electrical INSTALLATION



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Level 1 Electrotechnical Foundation Course and Level 2 Diploma in Electrical Installations

Overview

This qualification allows you to acquire knowledge and craft skills of electrical installation. It does not require occupational evidence from the workplace, which means you don't need to be employed to undertake this qualification.

It will give you an opportunity to practice and be assessed in a secure environment on the installation of wiring systems together with the relevant theory of electrical installation.

Within the qualification you will have the opportunity to utilise the IET On-Site Guide, and also be introduced to how regulations (including BS 7671) affect electrical installation. The qualification covers standard circuits as described in the On-Site Guide.

Units

This Diploma has five mandatory units, which between them cover;

- Health and safety
- Electrical installation theory and technology
- Electrical installation methods
- Procedures and requirements
- Electrical installation craft skills
- Electrical science and principles

Entry Requirements

There are no formal entry requirements to take this qualification, but you will require a good level of maths. This qualification can be undertaken without any previous training or qualifications in this subject area.

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Progression

On completion of this qualification you will have obtained the skills, knowledge and understanding to progress on to a higher level qualification in the same or similar occupational area or

progress into employment in their chosen trade or one of the following courses:

Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Installing Electrotechnical Systems and Equipment (Buildings, Structures and the Environment) (QCF)

Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Electrotechnical Services (Maintaining Electrotechnical Systems) (QCF)

Level 3 Diploma in the Principles and Procedures for the Installation of Electrical Systems and Equipment for Engineering Construction Plant (QCF).

You will require Level 3 to be a registered electrician.

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PLASTERING



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Level 1 Diploma in Plastering and Level 2 Diploma in Plastering

Overview

The Level 2 Diploma in Plastering qualification has been developed for achievement in a training environment which means you do not need to be employed to undertake this qualification.

This qualification enables you, the learner, to demonstrate and recognise your skills, knowledge and understanding so you can work as a Plasterer within the construction industry. You will be assessed against a set of performance and knowledge statements which have been derived from National Occupational Standards for your occupational area. You will be trained and assessed by an occupationally competent and qualified trainer whose job is to help you complete your qualification. This qualification supports the learner to attain enabling, fundamental and transferable practical skills with associated underpinning knowledge.

Entry Requirements

There are no formal entry requirements to take this qualification. This qualification can be undertaken without any previous training or qualifications in this subject area. You do not need any prior qualifications to undertake this Level 2 qualification. In some instances, the provider may consider that a Level 1 pathway is more suitable to some applicants.

Units

The learner will cover knowledge in three core subject areas;

- Health, safety and welfare
- Information, quantities and communication
- Construction technology

The Learner will also learn key practical skills and knowledge in;

- Form sand and cement screeds
- Apply plaster materials to internal surfaces
- Fix dry lining and plasterboard products to interiors
- Apply render materials to external surfaces
- Produce fibrous plaster components
- Position and secure fibrous plaster components

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Progression

On completion of this qualification you will have obtained the skills, knowledge and understanding to progress on to a higher level qualification in the same or similar occupational area or progress into employment in their chosen trade. For further details on other qualifications available in this occupational area, see our Qualification Search on the NOCN website. Industry will accept the qualification on its own as entry to a job role.

Employment opportunities could include;

- Plasterer
- Trainee Supervisor | Team leader

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