



Why study Construction, Carpentry at Mary Hare 6th Form?

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Carpentry: BTEC construction Level 1 and City & Guilds Level 1 Land based

Why study the Carpentry programme?

The Carpentry programme is ideal for students interested in gaining the skills needed to work in the construction sector or in an outside venue. A wide range of units are covered on the programme to cover Carpentry, Joinery, Health and safety, Practical making, Outdoor wood/woodland skills.

There is a large practical element to the course; much of it is spent outdoors or in the workshop working with Hard and Softwoods, tools and the woodland and site at Mary Hare School.

What does the course cover and what is expected of you?

The courses commence with an introduction to the course and venues ensuring that students feel confident working in them before starting their coursework. Students will undertake construction and maintenance of structures and items as well as tree and plant care and tool care.

The students help with looking after the woodland and school site and may make items that can be sold to help fund the programme.

Students will be provided with polo shirts and sweatshirts to wear for practical work and PPE for outside working. They will require steel toe cap boots.

It is important to wear extra layers and warm socks in cold winter weather and also bring a warm coat for outdoor tasks.

Students are expected to turn up on time and if they are unable to attend the lesson they must have the courtesy of informing the teacher 24 hours before the lesson. If a student misses a lesson, they will be required to find a suitable time with the teacher to catch up with the lesson that was missed.

Where can it take you?

These courses can lead to a wide range of careers within the Construction, carpentry, woodland management (Arboriculture) landscaping sectors for example caring for trees in a Nursery or Garden Centre, working as a Groundsman (or woman!) or working in a carpentry/joinery trade or in the construction trade or other timber-based profession.

Course Assessment:

The Carpentry programme consists of various options in terms of the number of units undertaken and the resulting qualification which can be tailored to individual students. There is some theory work, a few tests and a lot of practical work.

The teachers will explain what is required in terms of evidence for

each of the units. All students are required to do written assessments in addition to their practical work. The teacher will take photos and videos of practical work that will be submitted to the exam board as evidence towards the tasks completed. All assignments will have set deadlines and it is very important that work is submitted on time.

Teacher's Tip:

'The Carpentry programme is definitely a course for which you need to 'roll up your sleeves' and get stuck in to lots of different practical tasks. This means that students need to enjoy working outside and not worry too much about getting dusty and dirty occasionally!'

