

Construction Updates.

Latest news!



Two students secure Apprenticeships with Bell Group!

A fantastic achievement for Accrington and Rossendale College students Kelsey Whewell and Faye Chester, who have both secured an Apprenticeship with the Bell Group. The Bell Group are a national painting and decorating company and our first levy paying employer that have won contracts to maintain and redecorate housing stock in the Hyndburn and Ribble Valley areas.



"We have developed a very good working relationship with the College Group's Construction team. The College provides great support to Faye and Kelsey's knowledge and skills development on their College days once a week.

Retaining Painting and Decorating Apprentices within Bell Group is important for our business. We have many examples of Apprentices that have progressed into middle and senior management roles within the company. We have that aspiration for Faye and Kelsey too when they come to the end of their Apprenticeships."

Julie Lawrenson
National Training Manager for Bell Group

Our star students.

Highly commended Apprentice.

Carpentry and Joinery Apprentice **Phillip Bentley** has been Highly Commended in the Institute of Carpenters' (IoC) Third Year Student Awards after demonstrating his talent with a gothic styled wooden window frame.

Having put hours of painstaking work into his piece, Phillip is thrilled with the outcome. He has received a certificate from the IoC and a voucher to put towards Axminster tools.

Phillip said:

"I'm very happy to have won the award - I have never taken part in a competition before so to receive a Highly Commended accolade is an amazing feeling. When I'm at Accrington and Rossendale College, I have fantastic tutors who are knowledgeable and supportive, and the facilities are very good. It's the best place to do Carpentry and Joinery and I would highly recommend the college to anyone wanting to pursue a career in the industry."



Alex is a Level One student that has completed his course and, due to the standard of his work, has opted to represent the College at the World Skills Event in the Skill Build category. Next year he is returning to the College to undertake his Level Two qualification with the view to setting up a partnership with fellow student Connor working as a plasterer.

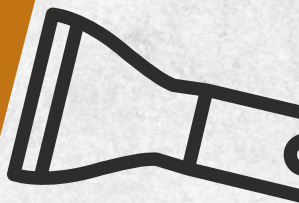


Leading the way.

Painting and Decorating tutor **Simon Whitaker** became one of only two End Point Assessors nationally for the NOCN awarding body. This has given us a valuable insight into how the new standards work and how best to prepare you for your end point assessments with us.



Connor, like Alex, has completed the Level One course and due to the standard of his work and his interest in the craft he has opted to represent the College at the World Skills Event in the Skill Build category.



Did you know?



100%
pass rate for
our courses



Skilled Carpenters earn
£30,000
per year on
average in the UK



Private housing contributed
34.1%
of all new work in 2019



Construction
output grew by
12.4%
between August and
November 2020



There are
290,374
registered Construction
firms operating in the UK



Kane O'Keefe successfully completed his NVQ, despite lockdown, in 2020.

He has since passed his driving test and bought a car. He now does work for himself, arranging his own jobs.

He employs the services of another plasterer to help on occasion when the job is too large for one man. It is great to see Kane go off into industry and become a successful Plasterer.



Connor Bentley signed up as a first year Plastering Apprentice just as lockdown began in March 2020. He managed to keep his employment despite his tradesmen leaving his employer, leaving him without trade specific mentors.

This year he has agreed to take part in the World Skills competition, competing in the dry lining element.

The Plastering Department has brought in the resources to help him develop his skills and we have every faith that he will win the competition.



Eugene Fenlon is a Level One student who has excelled this year in College and has been chosen to represent the College at this year's World Skills regional competition in June.

Eugene started at Accrington and Rossendale College in 2019 on the Pre-Advanced Multi Trades programme and progressed to Level One in 2020. He has developed his practical skills to a very high level and has shown a real growth in confidence and problem solving skills.

Our star students.



Destiny-Mya Robinson had a difficult time during her year in Foundation Multi-trade but turned everything around and found her own Apprenticeship. She has grown from strength to strength over the last two years to pass her English and Maths, and she is on target to achieve her NVQ ahead of her end date in the summer.

Hear more about Destiny-Mya and what a typical day is like for her by reading our [InTouch newsletter](#).



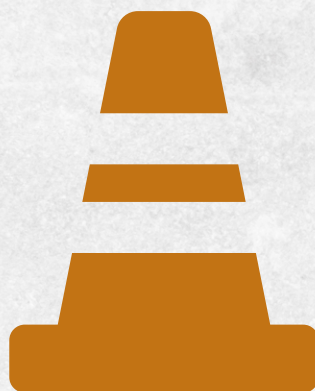
Oliver Shipston won the (IOC) Institute of Carpenters award with a national certificate for gaining first place in the Carpenters' Craft Competition.



Lewis O'Neill and **Alenya Lord** were foundation learners last year and worked incredibly hard to achieve a place on Level One Painting and Decorating. Since the course started in September, they have excelled in all areas of their study programme.

Alenya has undertaken work experience with a local employer during the Easter break and Lewis is awaiting a date for his work trial for an Apprenticeship.

Both Lewis and Alenya have achieved their Functional Skills English qualifications this year and are now working towards achieving their Maths qualifications.



Coming up...

This year we see the return of two major national competitions that will take place in June 2021. These two competitions are a chance for our students to showcase their skills and be recognised for their talent.

The PDA (Painting & Decorating Association) Apprentice of the Year Heats will be held at the following:



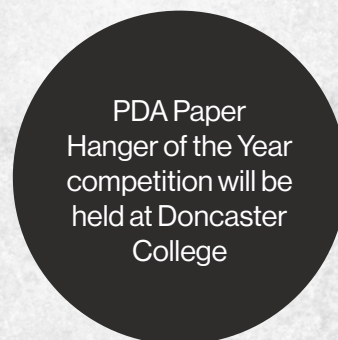
Northern heat
Accrington and
Rossendale College



Midlands Heat
Coventry College



Southern Heat
Accrington and
Rossendale College



PDA Paper
Hanger of the Year
competition will be
held at Doncaster
College

Worldskills World Skills Skill Build heats are yet to be announced, but the regional heat is likely to be in Lancashire.

This year, five of our standards Apprentices will be competing to be crowned the best of the best, and we wish them the best of luck!

Hear from one of our employers.



"If you like achieving things and seeing the results of your hard work first hand then you'll find the Construction industry a very rewarding sector to work in."

Gary Clarkson
MD of Rosslee Construction



Find out more about the industry.



Hear from Apprenticeship Assessor **Phil Burgess** as he gives an overview of this varied sector.



Take a look around!

Have YOU seen our fantastic Construction workshop? Take a look! With exceptional teaching, and state of the art facilities, there really has never been a better time to study with us!

