



# Construction Skills - Carpentry

VOCATIONAL

Level 1 & 2  
VRQ

## Entry requirements

- Acceptance on the course will be by interview. You will need to be a practical person with the ability to develop good skills with your hands. You will need strength and stamina as work in this industry can be physically demanding. You will need good mathematical skills as there are many calculations to make.

## Why choose this course?

As a carpenter or joiner, you may work in one or more of the following areas: cutting and shaping timber for floorboards, skirting boards and window frames, making and assembling doors, window frames, staircases and fitted furniture, fitting wooden structures, like floor and roof joists, roof timbers, staircases, partition walls, and door and window frames (first fixings), Installing skirting boards, door surrounds, doors, cupboards and shelving, as well as door handles and locks (second fixings).

The course also involves building temporary wooden supports for concrete that is setting, for example on motorway bridge supports or building foundations (formwork), making and fitting interiors for shops, hotels, banks, offices and public buildings. You could be skilled in all of these or you may specialise in just one or two.

## Further information?

For more information talk to your VRQ Co-ordinator or call our Sixth Form on 01752 720031

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## What will you study?

### What does the course involve?

**Level 1 Diploma in Carpentry & Joinery you will cover knowledge in three core subject areas:**

- Health, safety and welfare
- Technical information, quantities and communication  
Knowledge of construction technology
- You will also learn key practical skills and knowledge in:  
Producing woodworking joints  
Maintain and use carpentry and joinery hand tools  
Prepare and use carpentry and joinery portable power tools

## Possible career pathway

Many carpenters and joiners are self-employed. You could also find work with large construction companies, local authorities, shop-fitting firms, or in set-building for theatre and television.

*Note: This is our current offer which is subject to change*

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