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Construction



» CAREERS, NOT JUST COURSES

BMC can teach you the skills you will need to become a carpenter, bricklayer or labourer. We are also lucky enough to work with companies like Lafarge, Jeld Wen, Natwest and Hallams Contractors, giving our students the opportunity to work on real projects. We are proud to say that a majority of our students are successful in finding jobs, even during the recession. It just goes to show that quality teaching and hard working students is a recipe for success.

BMC SCORE A SIX

The sound of a ball on willow is one of the county's favourite ways to spend a sunny summer afternoon. Leicestershire has a large number of local cricket clubs and maintaining them all can be a challenge.

The English Cricket Board working with NatWest CricketForce (NWCF), created a national event to support volunteers who work with local clubs to improve grounds and facilities.

Construction students from BMC took on the challenge at Thorpe Arnold Cricket club.

They redesigned and built a weatherproof structure to house their electronic scoreboard. Staff and students worked over the weekend to get the club ready for another summer season.

But it doesn't stop there, the students have been so keen to help that they are looking into building picnic tables to sit on their newly laid patio areas.



» STUDENTS GET HANDS ON!

BMC bricklaying and joinery students are getting real hands on experience with Hallam Contracts and Melton Borough Council. Hallam Contracts are building the new council offices in Melton Mowbray following the devastating fire which destroyed the old offices. The students are working alongside Hallam's craftsmen to build one of the rooms in the new building.

A plaque showing this contribution will be put on the walls when the room is completed.

The students went through an interview process, just as they would in a work situation before they went on site.

Michael Tharratt, Construction Project Manager for Hallam Contracts told us:

"The students have a real positive attitude, they take it very seriously and their enthusiastic contribution is greatly appreciated."

Students were on site in January, Lewis Wiggins one of the students involved in the project said:



"I can't believe we have got an opportunity to work on a proper site doing the job I want to do. You don't get this at other colleges."

» ALUMNI PROFILE

Phil Chimentonto

**General Manager at Jeld Wen UK
BMC Governor**

FURTHER BRICKLAYING SKILLS 1989

"The atmosphere at BMC was very friendly and relaxed, the one to one mentoring was something I really took a lot from."

"I love my job right now, it enables me to work on medium to high volume fast-build residential projects across the Midlands and sometimes beyond."

"I would advise students to make the most of their college years as this is a key time where you'll be building the underpinning blocks that'll form the foundation of the rest of your career."



» STARTING IN CONSTRUCTION

EDEXCEL BTEC LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN CONSTRUCTION

This course gives you a start in a range of construction skills. You'll get to know a little about the industry and by the end you'll be able to make the decision about your next step in the trade.

COURSE DURATION AND START DATE:

A full-time 1 year course, running over 3 days per week, starting in September.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

2 GCSEs at Grade E and above.
Successful completion of the Stage 1 of the Grow programme on p154.

MODULES:

- Plumbing
- Joinery
- Brickwork
- Electrical
- Personal effectiveness
- Health and safety

CAREER PROGRESSION AND FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

You can progress onto the Introduction to Construction, Starting in Carpentry & Joinery or Starting in Bricklaying courses or start work as a labourer.

