



**Construction 2009/2011**

**Level 1 Programme at Bridges**

## **Introductory Certificate in Basic Construction Skills**

### **Introduction**

This course has been designed to provide basic training in construction skills. This course is suitable for learners who have no previous experience or knowledge of construction craft skills. The qualification is aimed at providing an understanding of particular craft tasks rather than occupational competence.

### **Content**

The delivery of the course promotes, in an interesting way, skills in:

- Team Building
- Problem Solving
- Communication
- Numeracy
- Hand and Eye Coordination
- Safe Working Practices

There are eight units to complete within two years. Students will study a broad range of disciplines to include:

- Carpentry
- Painting and Decorating
- Plumbing
- Brickwork

On successful completion of these eight units learners will be able to study for an extra two units in a chosen construction area for which they will be accredited.

These units will be taught by qualified teaching staff who have many years' experience in the construction industry.

### **Assessment**

To gain the qualification, students must successfully complete an assignment for each unit. Each assignment assesses the practical activities and samples the underpinning knowledge that the student has learned.

### **Progression**

Successful completion of this course without any disciplinary problems will guarantee a place on the Foundation Construction Award programme for Painting and Decorating, Carpentry or Brickwork at Bedford College. This will allow students to specialise in the trade of their choice. Students may also progress on to Apprenticeships and Level 2 programmes within construction if they meet the entry criteria specified in the College prospectus.

### **Entry Guidance**

In order to take part in this course, you need to have a reasonable level of reading and writing skills along with an interest in construction. You will be expected to wear Personal Protective Equipment as detailed by Bedford College.

There are three stages to entry:

- Application Form – to be submitted through your school
- An opportunity to visit the College and see our facilities and talk to staff
- Successful completion of the pre-course session in June 2009