



**Construction 2009/2011**

**Level 2 Programme at Bridges**

**BTEC First Diploma in Construction**

### **Introduction**

This qualification is designed to provide the knowledge, understanding and skills necessary to prepare learners for possible further studies within the field of construction. The qualification includes core and specialist units that have been selected by Bedford College to provide a range of learning experiences. All units are directly relevant to the changing needs of the construction industry.

### **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

The First Diploma units are:

- An introduction to the construction industry
- Exploring health, safety and welfare in construction
- The use of science and mathematics in construction
- Exploring trowel occupations
- Exploring carpentry and joinery
- Exploring painting and decorating

### **Assessment**

Each unit will be assessed against grading criteria set by the awarding body. A variety of assessment methods are available such as performance observation, written work, case studies and projects. Emphasis will be placed on the practical application of the grading criteria, providing wherever possible a realistic scenario for learners to work with and making maximum use of practical activities.

### **Progression**

On successful completion of these qualifications, students may progress on to further studies in the construction area. This may include courses such as Specialist Diplomas, Construction Awards, Apprenticeships or post 18 degree level studies.

### **Entry Guidance**

In order to take part in this course you must have an interest in construction and meet the entry criteria as listed below. You must also have a good record of attendance and a positive behaviour report from your school. You will be expected to wear Personal Protective Equipment as detailed by Bedford College.

### **Entry Criteria (minimum)**

KS3 Predicted Results

- Maths L6
- English L5
- Science L5 (L6 preferred)

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