

Getting Ready to Study Plumbing at College

The 'Getting Ready' list below gives you resources and activities you can use to get ready for when your course starts at Colchester Institute in September. We have picked mostly resources and activities you can access on-line and we have some suggestions too of other resources in the 'Going Further' section.

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As most of you are still at school and do not have access to the plumbing industry or are unable to secure any work experience with a plumber, now is a good time to research whether this is the correct course for you.

How can you do this? Well we highly recommend watching some videos on YouTube. In particular a channel called Plumber Parts. There are countless videos that are informative and fun covering all aspects of the industry. Pipe bending is a crucial skill for any plumber and the below links will help you familiarise yourselves with the tools and techniques.

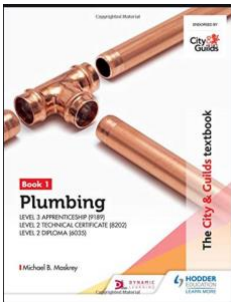
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oiEFsR-5OR4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bfD92q9kNd4>

Accuracy is key within the industry, therefore also research measuring techniques and conversion into mm as opposed to cm.

You will be required to wear safety boots in the practical workshop so start thinking about getting a pair. I would recommend Screwfix.

The plumbing team highly recommend purchasing the course textbook to aid your studies (pictured below):



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Going Further to study Plumbing at Colchester Institute

When College begins in September many of you will be looking to gain a plumbing apprenticeship. This is something that the College encourage so starting to build a CV will maximise your chances of gaining employment. Research what a CV should look like and start to think about building one.

Start researching the Health and Safety requirements of the industry (the text book will be very helpful) and familiarise yourself with regulations around the topic.

You can find information for new students at:

<https://www.colchester.ac.uk/further-education/applying-full-time-courses/>