

## Welcome

Firstly, welcome to Colchester Institute and in particular the Brickwork department.



My name is John Watkins and I am the Assistant Area Head for Trowel Occupations and associated Trades. I hope this PowerPoint is informative and helps to put you at ease regarding your upcoming course with us. Enjoy and I look forward to seeing you as soon as is possible.

## Meet the team

### Shane Steward

I am the Area Head of Engineering, Manufacturing & Construction here at the college and come primarily from an Engineering background. I have several years of industrial and educational background where I have had the pleasure to see many of the students I teach gain successful careers in the industry.

Here at the college, we have completed various projects where I have had the recent pleasure of designing and manufacturing an artistic structure with students to commemorate and mark 100 years since the end of the First World War.



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### John Watkins

Hello again, as previously stated I am the Assistant Area Head for Trowel Occupations and Associated Trades. I am also a course Tutor for Brickwork and have taught over all three levels of the course since first teaching in 2003. I am qualified to NVQ Level 3 standard in Brickwork and also hold a Foundation Degree in Construction Management. I am also in charge of all Internal Verification for the area.

Before taking up teaching I completed a 3 year apprenticeship with Rose Builders, after which I stayed with the company and gained several years experience as a Bricklayer.



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### Tristan Edwards – Course Tutor

I Studied Bricklaying at Colchester Institute and gained an NVQ Level 2 as a full time student, I secured an apprenticeship with a local General Building company which gave me the opportunity to complete NVQ Level 3 in Bricklaying. Once apprenticeship ended I continued working with this company for another 8 years increasing my knowledge of house construction, refurbishment and renovation.

After my employer retired, I moved into property development & project managing with a local Estate agent, redeveloping properties or refurbishment for rent or sale. I did this for about 3 years before securing a position ay Colchester Institute as a Lecturer of Trowel Occupations. I have worked here for 13 years, in that time, I have developed a number of teaching activities, resources, projects and trips/outings to assist learners with learning and developing their bricklaying skills and to help instil the same passion I have for the construction industry.



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### David Hall – Course Tutor

I started with an apprenticeship when I left school at 16 and continued with college after I finished my apprenticeship on day release to gain higher qualifications. I worked as a bricklayer on new builds, revitalisations and maintenance as well as technical support for 25 years until I moved into teaching. I have since taught in prisons, other colleges and at the CITB before joining Colchester Institute just over a year ago.



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### Steve Wilkins – Course Tutor (Part time)

I attended Colchester Institute for two years and gained my Craft Certificate in brickwork. I then decided to stay on for a further year and complete my Advanced Craft (Level three) as I knew this would be of a real benefit as my career progressed.

After leaving Colchester Institute I went on to become a self-employed bricklayer working on many different types of projects from house building, commercial, domestic and heritage work, putting all the knowledge I gained while in college into practice.

For the last 20 years I have been running my own bricklaying business. I have now been teaching part time for 6 years, helping students to achieve their potential and having the satisfaction of watching them embark on their own successful careers in the construction industry.



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### Jim Napier – Workshop Supervisor

I am a workshop supervisor, I teach practical in the workshop and I am always available to assist with any problems with your build, with advice and demonstrating how to problem solve.

I am qualified to City & Guilds craft and advance craft standard and I am involved with all practical groups, I have been working at the college since 1989!



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### Tom Cater – Assessor/Trainer

I have been working at Colchester Institute for 5 years, I was also a former student that studied bricklaying from level 1 to level 3.

I am currently an Assessor Trainer in brickwork, my job involves teaching learners the practical hand skills and the knowledge in the working environment of the workshop.





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### Sarah Arbon - PDT

I have worked as a PDT at the college since 2017, having previously worked in a frontline public sector role.

PDT - Progress and Destination Tutor basically means a role to support you and your tutors as you progress through your course and help you achieve your preferred career choice. My role is a pastoral, non- academic position

As part of your course you will be timetabled with me for group tutorials. I will also meet you for individual tutorials

I will monitor your attendance and punctuality through all aspects of your course, so please arrive on time and report absent if you are not going to be in attendance

I want you to succeed on your course and enjoy your time here, and will do all I can to ensure you are equipped with the skills and information to reach your career destination.



## Where will you be learning?

We have two sites that we offer Brick at. They are;

### **Colchester campus and Braintree campus**

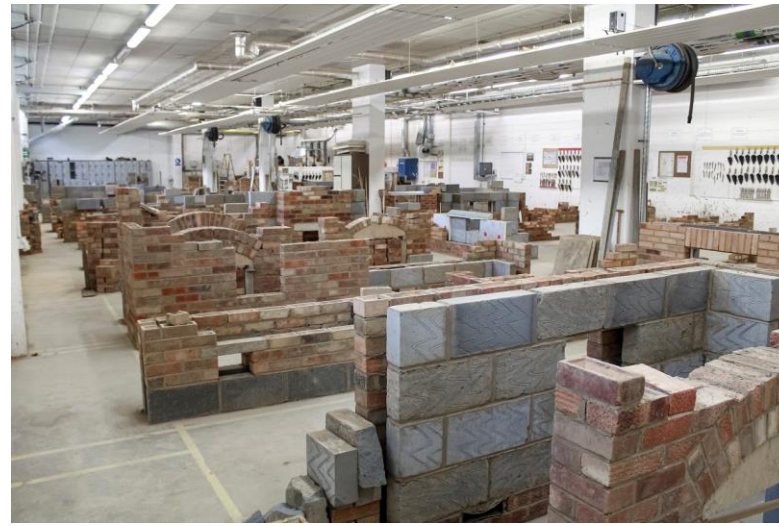
At Colchester you will be based mainly in our workshop on the ground floor of West Wing which can hold up to 120 learners. We have up to date tools and equipment for you to use. No need for you to bring any of your own tools only safety boots are required from you!

For theory classes you will be situated in our base room of W04 classroom. Which is well placed right next to the workshop. It has PC's, a brick library, a tools board and full size sectional example of a house.

The Colchester site is well equipped with 3 refectories and lots of social areas.

## Where will you be learning?

Here are some pictures of our Colchester Brick Workshops.



## What will you be learning

Year 1 of the course is dedicated to learning the very important hand skills required to become a professional Bricklayer. This includes;

- Beginners course of City and Guilds 6219-08 qualification (1 theory assessment/4 practical assessments)
- In year progression (based on ability and attitude to work) to City and Guilds Diploma Level 1 in Bricklaying (6 theory multi-choice exams/4 practical assessments)
- British Values qualification (1 assessment)
- English and Maths retakes (if grade 4 not attained already)

Successful completion of these elements will then lead to a smooth progression to year 2 of the course where you will move onto study the Diploma level 2 in Brickwork, this is the minimum requirement for working in the industry as a bricklayer.

## What students do after the course

- The vast majority of students progress onto our Level 2 Diploma
- Some learners look for an apprenticeship in bricklaying with a building company
- Once the level 2 Diploma has been completed (after 2 years) many of our learners progress into industry as an improver. This is a bricklayer, but with little or no site experience or a Bricklayer depending on the company. And others progress onto our Level 3 Diploma.

We have taught many learners over the years and some choose not to progress into the construction industry for various reasons but the vast majority have made great strides into the industry, running their own companies or working very successfully earning a good wage.

## What you need to do before you start

- Take a look at our YouTube channel for some informative videos shot by some of the staff.
- <https://www.youtube.com/user/CIBrickwork>
- Purchase a pair of Safety Boots (these are mandatory)
- Purchase a Padlock to be able to use the lockers in the workshop
- Wear older clothes to work in the workshop or purchase some overalls.
- You will need Pens, Pencils, Paper, lever Arch folder and a set of dividers

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## Virtual Q & A Session!

If you have any questions regarding your course then I will be available to answer any questions via email on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 9am-5pm on the link below:

[John.Watkins@colchester.ac.uk](mailto:John.Watkins@colchester.ac.uk)

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That's all folks.....

We look forward to seeing you as soon as possible.

**John Watkins**

Assistant Area Head for Trowel Occupations and Associated Trades