

Welcome

Firstly, welcome to Colchester Institute and in particular the Painting and Decorating 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.



Welcome

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.



Meet the team

Graeme Roberts - course tutor

Hello my name is Graeme Roberts and I have been part of the Painting and decorating team at Colchester Institute for 2 years.

I have over 35 years experience of Painting & decorating which started with a 6 year period of self-employment in 1986. From there I progressed into the further education sector as a part time lecturer in my home town of Hartlepool.

My time at Hartlepool College of F.E. lasted 26 years with experiences ranging from redecorating classrooms etc. as a Facilities technician, to offering technical support to full time teaching staff in the Painting & decorating practical arena, before progressing into a full time teaching post in 2007. I currently lead a dedicated and highly motivated team of painting & decorating professionals at Colchester Institute.



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Charles Phillips P&D

My name is Charles Phillips, and I have been in the building trade for most of my working life. I spent several years teaching painting and decorating in a prison environment, and have spent the last 6 years teaching at Colchester Institute.



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Melanie Johnson - PDT

This will be my 4th year as a Progression and Destination Tutor within the Construction area, which involves mentoring and supporting students, and advising future progression. I also keep close tabs on student attendance and liaise with parents and guardians.

I have a BA (Hons) in Special Education Studies, and have also worked in Recruitment and as a teacher of English as a foreign language. I look forward to meeting my new students in the near future.



Where will you be learning?

We offer Painting and Decorating at our

Colchester campus

You will be based mainly in our workshop. We have one bespoke workshop for P&D learners.

For theory classes you will be situated in our base room of W04 classroom. It has PCs, 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 student social areas.

Where will you be learning?

Here are some pictures of our Painting and Decorating students working in our classrooms:



What will you be learning

This course is dedicated to learning the very important hand skills required to become a professional builder. This includes;

- Beginners course of City and Guilds 6219-08 qualification (1 theory assessment/5 practical assessments)
- In year progression (based on ability and attitude to work) to City and Guilds Diploma Level 1 (7 theory assessments/5 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 in year 2 to the Diploma Level 2 full time course

What students do after the course

- The vast majority of student progress onto our Diploma Level 2 FT course.
- Some learners look for an apprenticeship in their chosen trade with a building company

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 how it was 'back in the day' in this YouTube clip;
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qRTe14Car0Y>
- Familiarise yourself with the techniques and phrases used by Painters & Decorators in this short video; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bGsdzJmJHrg>
- 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.

Painting and Decorating Q&A Session

If you have any questions regarding your course then Graeme will be available to answer any questions via email on Monday 29th June 9am-5pm on the link below;

Graeme.Roberts@colchester.ac.uk

Thank you for your time!

We look forward to seeing you as soon as possible.

John Watkins

Assistant Area Head for Trowel Occupations and Associated Trades