

The sky's the limit

Construction and Trades
Courses for school leavers 2018

Aeronautics
Building & maintenance
Carpentry & joinery
Electrical
Engineering
Motor vehicle
Multi-trades
Painting & decorating
Plumbing

Why studying a trade is good for your job prospects

57%

of vacancies in construction and building trades across the UK are due to skill shortages.*

Construction is the industry area expected to see the biggest percentage growth across the UK (21.9%) and Sussex (44%) over the next five years.*

Study at the MET and boost your chances of getting a job when you leave College

In January this year, the shortage of construction workers in the UK hit the headlines again. As reported in the Independent (23 January 2018)*:

“A shortage of construction workers has hit its worst level on record, threatening the Government’s grand plan to build hundreds of thousands of houses annually, research conducted by the Federation of Master Builders (FMB) has revealed.

The FMB found that companies are particularly struggling to recruit bricklayers and carpenters. Demand for skilled plumbers, electricians and plasterers is also outstripping supply.”

* Independent.co.uk

A course at the MET when you leave school will give you all the skills and knowledge you need to go into the industry with confidence.

7%

The construction industry represents around 7% of the UK GDP.**

25%

Achieving a vocational qualification can add up to 25% to a construction worker's salary.***

Shortages of electricians and plasterers have reached their highest point in four years.**

Why the MET? Because our students fulfil their potential. We are:

Top in Sussex for success rates for all qualifications and all ages†

Top nationally for Level 2 courses for all ages†

Rated 'good' by Ofsted

Top in Sussex for achievement for 19-23 apprenticeships

* Figures from Emsi
** Research by the Federation of Master Builders (FMB)
*** Research by the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB)
† Worthing and Shoreham

Construction and Trades Centre (East Brighton Campus)

Opened in September 2017, the new £9 million, state-of-the-art Construction and Trades Centre is an outstanding facility to train the next generation of construction workers. Students from across all trades work closely together, as they would in real construction site conditions. The MET's East Campus, which is a short distance from Brighton's town centre, has a really friendly, supportive atmosphere and plenty of social spaces and sports facilities.

Purpose-built for construction and trades

Industry-standard tools and equipment

Workshop designed to simulate industry conditions

Lecturers passionate about their trades with years of industry experience

The Centre is sustainable, with rainwater being harvested for use and solar panels generating some of its electricity

A short (free) shuttle bus ride from Central Campus in Brighton's North Laine

Separate to the main centre, a large 11-car motor vehicle workshop





Worthing (Broadwater) facilities

Construction and engineering workshops

Spacious industry-standard workshops provide a realistic working environment for engineering and construction students.

Shoreham airport facilities

Aircraft hangar

You get to study at a working airport! The aircraft hangar provides a hands-on environment for aircraft maintenance students. The College owns several aeroplanes as well as many different aircraft components.

Motor vehicle workshops

Our dedicated automotive engineering facility has the latest high tech diagnostic equipment, as well as a range of vehicles for students to work on.



What students say about the MET



Alexander Simpson

(EASA - Aircraft maintenance student):

"An interesting and engaging course, with excellent facilities and fantastic career prospects. Based on a live airfield with experienced instructors and a well-stocked hangar and workshops, Shoreham Airport is certainly the place to study for your EASA Part 66 'A' Licence (to become a certified aircraft engineer)."



Daniel Barnard

(Former motor vehicle student, now working for Caffyns Brighton Audi):

"From the outset, I found the College to be a really friendly and welcoming environment with excellent tutors and workshop facilities. While building our knowledge of vehicle systems and diagnosis, we also got to take part in projects and work experience at local garages, which gave me what I needed to get a place at Brighton Audi."



Janet Osei-Berchie

(Went on to study architecture and technology at university)

"The construction industry is booming. It needs people. The stigma against learning trades or tradesmen is not there anymore. The industry is modern, it's growing. So don't think that learning a trade isn't going to make you a professional because it can help you, it can be a starting block to get you into a managerial position. I'm now working as a trainee site manager."



Sydney Shepherd

(Electrical student):

"While I've been at College I've gained excellent life skills as well as practical electrical skills and I feel that the course has also given me a strong sense of independence and self-belief. It's also made me feel very focused and driven about what I want to achieve in my career as an electrician."

Apply now for September 2018

You can still apply for September 2018, even if you have already applied elsewhere.

To apply online, simply browse the full-time 16-19 courses and when you find the course you want to study, click on 'apply now' to complete a simple online application form.

You can also come in to the College if you would like to apply in person or would like further advice or information about MET courses.

Courses in Brighton

Enquiries:
admissions-brighton@gbmc.ac.uk

Website:
gbmc.ac.uk/brighton

Courses in Worthing

Enquiries:
admissions-worthing@gbmc.ac.uk

Website:
northbrook.ac.uk

You can apply to the MET at any time throughout the year.

Where is the MET?



Come and see us!

Brighton MET open evening (East campus)
22 March 2018,
5–7pm