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BCITO Carpentry Gateway package - Connecting future apprentices with industry

The BCITO have recently introduced a tailor-made Carpentry Gateway package for students interested in pursuing a career in the building and construction industry.

Gateway is a government funded secondary school programme designed to strengthen the pathway for students from school into the workplace. Year 11 to 13 students can take part in the Gateway programme to gain new skills and knowledge through work experience in their local community.

The BCITO Carpentry Gateway package is about 'real skills, real work, real life' simulating (at a school level) what actually happens when someone enters into an apprenticeship.

Through the Carpentry Gateway package the BCITO aim to provide information and introduce schools and students to the BCITO as the primary contact for apprenticeships and training opportunities in the building and construction industry.

The BCITO Carpentry Gateway package offers schools and students;

- Easy to use guides to inform the various parties involved in Gateway how the Carpentry Gateway package works
- Different options for theory assessment (depending on whether a school is accredited or not)
- Support through Training Agreements – meaning students get treated like apprentices.



The BCITO Carpentry Gateway package includes both theory learning and practical application. The theory learning is done in the classroom and is supported by on-site work experience.

The theory elements of the package are actual unit standards taken from the National Certificate in Carpentry meaning students doing the BCITO Carpentry Gateway package can get a head start on their apprenticeship.

Students on the BCITO Carpentry Gateway package are treated much like a standard apprentice by the BCITO. A BCITO training

advisor will visit the Gateway student and employer up to three times per year, set objectives and monitor the students progress as they work towards their goals.

Teachers or employers who are interested in learning more or getting involved in the BCITO Gateway programme should get in touch with their local BCITO office on 0800 422 486.

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