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BCITO Top 10

This month we sent out a text message to 3000 of our apprentices in the search for the top ten reasons why they love being an apprentice with the BCITO. We wanted to know what motivated our apprentices, to choose a career in the building and construction industry, so we can share it with other potential BCITO apprentices. It turns out there are over 400 reasons why our apprentices love their BCITO apprenticeships but we have narrowed it down to the top ten.

Here are the top ten reasons to be a BCITO apprentice – we've translated them from 'txt language' so they're easy to understand!

1. Get paid to learn - its a win win all round
2. Learn skills for life that no-one can take away from you!
3. Do book work from home and no student loan
4. You will get the skills to pay the bills
5. You can take your BCITO qualification anywhere in the world
6. The great discounts we get on all sorts of things and places
7. A guaranteed future. There will always be a job for a builder wherever you go in the world
8. To learn a great trade and pass on the knowledge to others
9. More knowledge, more skills, more money and less barrow work than a labourer!
10. Chicks love builders! [Editors note: We think everyone loves builders!]

Cambridge High School wins national building challenge

A group of students from **Cambridge High School** has won the national BCITO 2008 Build-Ability Challenge for a horse hospital they designed and built for the local Riding for the Disabled Group.

The Build-Ability Challenge is part of the BCITO's Building Careers Month held during August, and involves team of students building a project for a local community group.



The horse hospital, which can provide shelter for up to four horses, was designed and built by five year 11 to 13 Cambridge High School students



over a four-month period. The structure features a trough accessible to horses from both inside and outside the shelter which is filled from rainwater collected off the roof.

The judges commended the Cambridge team for the quality of their workmanship and getting local community support behind an ambitious project. The students had compiled an impressive record of work for the project, integrating photographs and commentary to produce a comprehensive story of the construction process.

Hamilton Boys High School and **Central Hawke's Bay College** were highly commended for their entries of a garden seat for Sunningdale RSA Rest Home in Hamilton and an outdoor playground structure for Anglican Childcare in Waipukurau respectively.

Hamilton Boys' team of five year 12 and 13 students created a sturdy garden bench with the rest home residents specifically in mind, while Central Hawke's Bay College's team of year 13 students made play equipment suitable for toddlers through to five-year-olds.



Photos of all the school's projects can be viewed in our new project gallery online at www.constructionzone.co.nz. To find the project gallery enter the teachers section of the website and click the project gallery icon on the right side of the screen.

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