

OCCUPATIONAL STUDIES AT SERC

Introduction

The world of work is constantly changing. It is increasingly unlikely that a single occupation will take employees from the beginning to the end of their working lives, so transferability and adaptability are important skills.

Occupational Studies is uniquely structured with this in mind. Learners have the opportunity to learn for work, through work and about work with real outcomes that will give them skills for life.



What will it be like?

You can achieve two nationally recognized Level 2 or Level 1 qualifications:

- A 'Level 2' Occupational Studies qualification is at the same level as GCSE Grade A*-C
- A 'Level 1' Occupational Studies qualification is at the same level as GCSE Grades D-G

You will experience:

- Skills for working life through an enjoyable 'hands-on' approach
- Knowledge through practical, work related activities
- The ability to make better choices in relation to further study, training and employment

Each qualification is achieved by selecting 2 units from an occupational area. There are six areas to choose from:

- Design and Creativity
- Environment and Society
- Business and Services
- Construction
- Engineering and Engineering Services
- Technology and Innovation

Assessment

This is the only qualification which allows you to achieve up to A* at GCSE level based on your practical work and a portfolio of evidence which you build up throughout the course. There are NO WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS for Occupational Studies.

Career Progression

Joiner	Mechanic	Electrician	Plumber	Bricklayer
Hairdresser	Fashion Designer	Beautician	Chef	Sheet metal worker
Sound Engineer	TV/Film production	Sports & Leisure	Machine Operator	Nursery Assistant