

Intermediate 1 Intermediate 2 Practical Craft Skills



Course Choice

In S1 and S2 all students take CDT as a combined subject. In S3 and S4, CDT changes into three specific subjects. You will have to choose the subjects you want to take in S3 and S4.

What is Practical Craft Skills?

Practical Craft Skills is based in the workshop. You will make small items of furniture to build up your craft skills in wood. All of your work will be practical. The articles that you make are standard designs.

This would be a good choice if you enjoy working with your hands or are interested in a craft career or a trade.

What will you learn?

During the two year course you will build up your woodworking knowledge and improve your bench skills and woodworking machine skills. You will cover a range of topics including...

Marking out and measuring

Wood joints

Frame Construction

Carcase (box) Construction

Wood Turning

Wood finishes

Learning tools, materials and processes

Safe working practice.

Your qualification will depend on how accurately and independently you complete the course models and the outcomes of the NAB tests.

Coursework, NABs, Homework and Exams?
Over the course you will make five models. Each model will be assessed and counts towards your final grade.

There will be seven short NAB tests to assess your knowledge of tools, processes and materials.

You will be expected to revise for NAB tests as homework. Your qualification is awarded on coursework only - there is no final exam.

Careers

A qualification in Practical Craft Skills may be useful for a great many careers dependant on a craft skill or a trade. Organisational skills, accurate working and safety awareness are important aspects of many modern jobs. Here are just a few careers which you might wish to consider...

Bench Joiner, Built up felt roofer, Carpenter and Joiner, Ceiling fixer, Dry liner, Form worker, French Polishing, Furniture renovation, Heating and Ducting Engineer, Painter and Decorator, Partition fixer, Pattern maker, Roof sheeter and cladder, Shop fitter, Wood Machinist...

Facilities

The CDT department has two well equipped workshops with a range of hand tools, power tools and wood working machines. Once trained, students will have access to these to build up their experience and to complete the course models.