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Level 2 Diploma in Painting and Decorating

Location	Stockport College
Course Type	College 16-18
Department	Painting & Decorating
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Course Overview

This Level 2 Diploma is ideal for individuals continuing their studies in the construction industry and looking to develop the specialist skills required to become a professional painter and decorator. The course is designed to help you build practical competencies while actively preparing for employment.

In addition to technical training, your study programme will include English and maths at a level appropriate to your needs. These subjects are integrated to support your overall employability and readiness to progress to the Level 3 Painting and Decorating course.

Course Requirements

4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including maths and English.

Successful completion of Level 1 Painting and Decorating.

What You Will Learn

Throughout the programme, you will gain hands-on experience in key areas such as:

- Preparing surfaces for decoration
- Applying paint using brushes and rollers
- Hanging standard wall and ceiling papers
- Mastering decorative techniques

You will also learn how to safely erect and dismantle access equipment and working platforms, ensuring you are equipped for real-world site conditions.

Assessment

This course is assessed with practical modules, theory units, online exams and assignments. At the end of the course you will also be required to complete 2 exams in painting and decorating. Your personal tutor will prepare and support you for all assessments and online exams.

Progression

Level 3 Painting and Decorating or applying for an apprenticeship in your chosen trade. This course provides a good foundation for future career opportunities or progression to a more advanced work-related qualification such as an apprenticeship.

Career Options

Entry-Level Roles

- Painter and Decorator: Work on residential, commercial, or industrial projects applying paint, wallpaper, and finishes.
- Apprentice Decorator: Continue learning on the job while earning, often leading to full-time employment.

Construction and Site Work

- Site Operative: Assist with broader construction tasks, especially where decorating skills are useful.
- Maintenance Technician: Work in facilities management, maintaining the appearance of buildings.

Specialist and Creative Roles

- Interior Decorator: Focus on aesthetics and design, often collaborating with clients on style choices.
- Sign Writer or Mural Artist: Use artistic skills for custom signage or decorative wall art.
- Period Restoration Specialist: Restore historic buildings using traditional techniques.

Progression and Management

- Contracts Manager or Estimator: Oversee projects, manage budgets, and liaise with clients.
- Self-Employed Decorator: Start your own business and build a local reputation.
- Lecturer or Assessor: Teach painting and decorating at colleges or training centres.

Further Education

- Level 3 Diploma in Painting and Decorating: Advance your technical and professional skills for higher-level roles.
- Specialist Courses: Learn spraying techniques, gold leaf application, or advanced finishes.

Mandatory Units

Health, safety and welfare in construction

Principles of building construction, information and communication

Preparing surfaces for decoration

Applying paint systems by brush and roller to complex areas

Applying standard papers to walls and ceilings

Producing specialist finishes for decorative work

Erecting and dismantling access equipment and working platforms

Creating and applying colour

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