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Trade Instruction

The current education system places significant bias on students who thrive in academic subjects, with the focus being on achieving high grades, not improving employability. At Gloucester Academy, we know that success isn't measured by performance in exams, and that students who aren't academically gifted can still go on to have incredibly successful careers.

Careers in skilled trades are a great example for students who are disheartened by a lack of academic

achievement, and we want to motivate these talented young people with in-school trade instruction from industry experts.

Trade instruction classes can be scheduled on Thursday afternoons and involve students gaining valuable trade knowledge and practical experience within a small group. From carpentry to plumbing, brickwork to wiring, we want students to have exposure to all manner of manual skills.

Mutual Benefits

Becoming a skilled tradesperson requires a lot of training and practice, which takes time and costs money. You may find that your company spends a lot of money on training new members of staff, which ultimately delays their contribution to the business.

Holding trade instruction classes at Gloucester Academy shifts your investment from the introduction of new employees to the development of the future workforce. A growing talent pool of teenagers emerging from secondary school already equipped with some of the skills and knowledge necessary to work for your company will make your search for future tradespeople faster, less expensive, and ultimately more successful.

How to Get Involved

Call us on **01452 428800** or email Mike Steward at **msteward@gloucesteracademy.com** to discuss your trade, the type of class you would like to run, and if you want to hold a single session or a series of classes over a period of time. Our staff will then work your instruction sessions into the curriculum and determine which students should attend the classes. At this time, please discuss the resources you will be bringing for the session and any requirements you have regarding the workspace.