



St Cuthbert's students and staff pictured with Steve Smith and Paul Rigby

Building for the future

A SQUAD of pupils from St Cuthbert's Catholic Community College for Business and Enterprise started to lay the foundations for a future career in construction when they took part in a special 'hands-on' basic skills workshop at St Helens College's Technology Centre.

During the two-hour session, they were given the opportunity to sample practical joinery, brickwork and painting and decoration skills in a modern, purpose-built facility.

The event was the brainchild of Paul Rigby, training and development manager with White Building Services Ltd.

Paul said: "As part of the Construction Programme we run with St Cuthbert's, we try

to give them some practical experience in the industry.

"As you can imagine, this can sometimes be tricky, so I asked the college to help. The joinery session delivered by Steve Smith was first class, as were the briefings we got from brickwork and painting and decorating staff. It gave all concerned a fantastic impression of the construction department."

Steve Redford, head of construction, said "We were delighted to host the St Cuthbert's group. Events like this help us to continue forging stronger links with local employers and schools.

"The college offers the Construction and Built Environment Diploma or for those who wish to progress to university to study further for future employment as surveyors or architects. We also offer vocational routes as well."

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