

Introduction to Brickwork at Highbury College

So, you are thinking of becoming a Bricklayer? Great, the industry needs Bricklayers and more important it needs good Bricklayers.

What does a brick layer look like?





Anyone who can learn the skills needed can become a Bricklayer and with the quality training delivered at Highbury the earning potential can be good.

An inexperienced/unskilled bricklayer could earn up to £15,000 a year.

A qualified but inexperienced bricklayer could earn between £18,000 and £23,000 a year.

A qualified and experienced bricklayer could earn from £30,000 a year upwards.

Wages vary depending on the types of work or contract you have agreed with your employer or the customer, location can also influence pay scales.

Many go self-employed during their career so the rate of pay could be higher, but you will not receive holiday or sickness benefits, in addition to this you may be responsible for keeping your financial accounts in order. Payments into pension schemes should also be considered.

Below are the work units you will be completing as part of your development as a future Bricklayer, please have a go and see how you get on.

Unit 201: Health, safety and welfare in construction

Activity 2: Health and Safety acronyms (learner)

What's it all about?

Get into groups of two and explain what the following health and safety acronyms are:

Health and safety acronym	What does it mean?
HASAW	
RIDDOR	
HSE	
PUWER	
PPE	
COSHH	
CDM	

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Activity 11: Wordsearch (learner)



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1. Hazard

2. Accident

3. Precautions

4. Risks

5. Legislation

6. Regulations

7. Safety

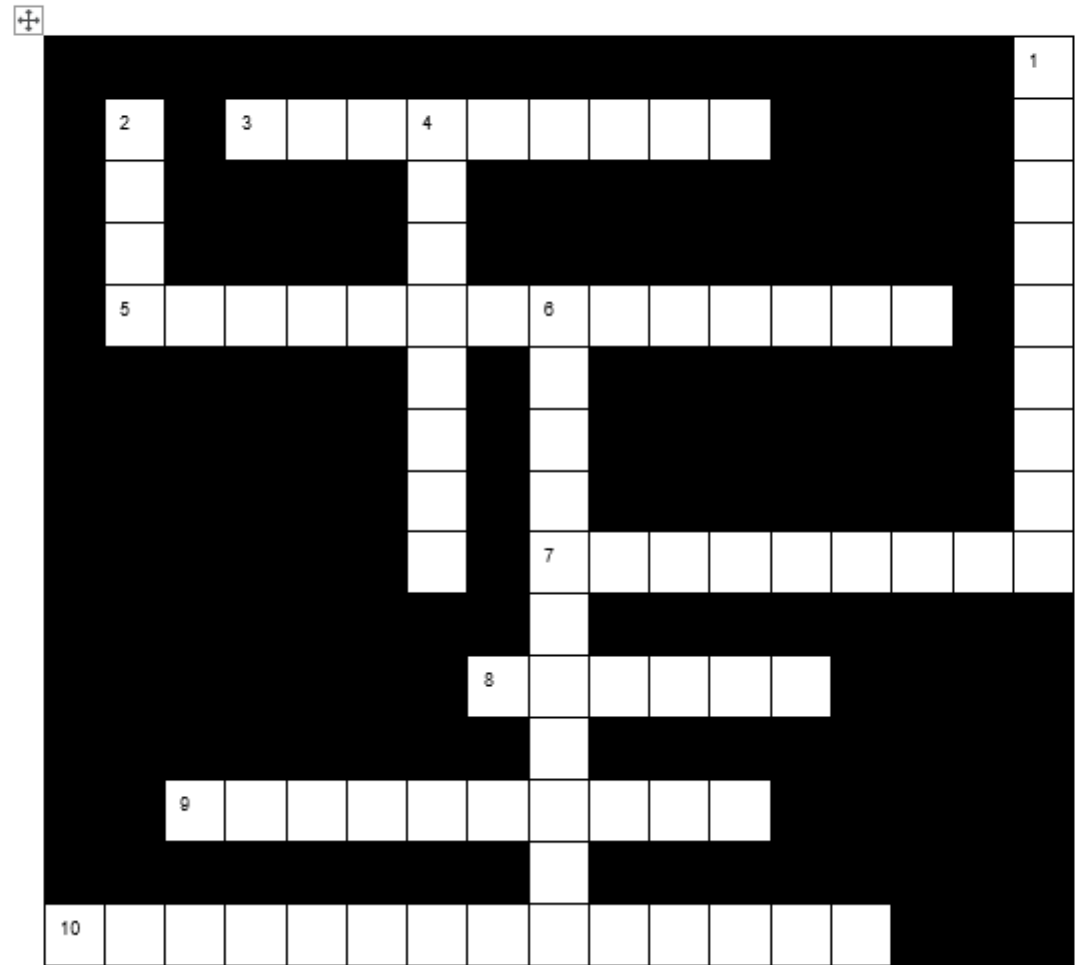
8. Responsible

9. Protection



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Activity 12: Crossword (learner)



Across	Down
3 Something that must be done (9)	1 Something that is easily lit and burns rapidly (9)
5 A term used to describe the correct method for lifting (6, 7)	2 A chance of injury (4)
7 A natural or artificial material, whether solid, liquid or gaseous or vapour form, and includes micro-organisms (9)	4 How we measure noise (8)
8 Something that can cause harm. Illness or damage to health and property (6)	6 Laws passed by central government (11)
9 A skin condition (10)	
10 The transportation or movement of a load from one place to another by lifting, handling, pushing, pulling or bodily force. (6, 7)	

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Activity 14: Scaffolding and working at Height (learner)

Look closely at the building site image below and identify as many hazards as you can.

Discuss the findings with the whole group, comparing answers



List the hazards you find

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Activity 15: PPE (learner)

PPE is equipment that will protect the user against health or safety risks at work.

Ask students to work in groups and explain the answers of the following:

Question	Answer
Name four items of personal protection equipment	
Can a company charge you for PPE?	
Wherever there are risks to health and safety that cannot be adequately controlled in other ways, when should PPE be used?	
Name three items of RPE	

The construction industry in the United Kingdom contributes to a large slice of the UK economy covering a range of domestic and commercial projects. We are delighted to be welcoming you to study Construction with Highbury College. Whichever trade area you choose to follow we are here to support you on your journey and into your working career.

Multi Trade programmes offer you a flavour of a range of trade areas helping you build your confidence and develop your study skills to prepare you to progress onto trade specific learning including Painting & Decorating, Carpentry & Joinery, Wall & Floor Tiling, Plastering & Bricklaying.

The level 1 programmes offer you an opportunity to develop the necessary practical hand skills and the basic knowledge and understanding essential for a career in construction. You will also develop your knowledge and appreciation of Health & Safety in the construction industry, along with the knowledge of how the many different materials and components are used in the building industry.

The teaching and learning are very hands on with most of this taking place in a practical environment.

At the end of this programme you will be prepared to move on to the level 2 Full Time programme or into an apprenticeship, working towards a career in construction and after this there is the opportunity to study at level 3, potentially unlocking a career path to a professional level.

You will have the opportunity to complete work experience, spending time working on an actual construction project alongside industry professionals and to represent the college in various competitions across the trade areas.

You will need to be well organised for every session to maximise your learning opportunities, for all practical sessions you must have your personal protective equipment including, steel toe capped boots, hi visibility jacket, goggles and gloves depending on which trade you are doing.

Careers

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-categories/construction-and-trades>

Potential career paths after this could include Site Foreman/ Manager, Quantity Surveyor, Architect or even starting your own company.

Cannot wait to get started?

Have a go at some of the interesting activities attached

Here are some interesting links:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ajTIQ_u1nwg

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