



Careers Education

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OF THE WEEK

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Our Job of the week this week is a
Carpenter



Job of the Week – Carpenter

WHAT YOU DO

In this role you could be:

- Measuring, marking up, cutting, shaping, fitting and finishing timber
- Using a range of hand and power tools installing floor joists, floorboards, roof trusses and wall partitions
- Fitting interiors such as staircases, doors, skirting boards, cupboards and kitchens
- Putting up frames for bridges, roads, dams and buildings
- Drawing and working with technical drawings
- Gaining knowledge of different types of wood and their uses
- Working in residential or commercial buildings
- Restoring historical buildings
- Working in a workshop, a client's business or home, or on a construction site

SKILLS REQUIRED

You will need:

- Confident in the use of electric and manual tools
- Knowledge of building and construction
- High level of attention to detail
- Good knowledge of mathematics
- Comfortable working alone or in a team
- The ability to use your initiative
- High levels of physical strength and stamina
- Basic skills on a computer or hand-held device
- Communication skills to adapt to a variety of people



WHAT YOU WEAR

Safety boots, workwear trousers with suitable top. You may have a uniformed polo shirt if employed by a firm



WORKING CONDITIONS

You could be working:

- on a building site
- at a private home
- in offices/ commercial building
- from a workshop

Some carpenters specialise in roofing which may require working outside

WORKING HOURS

40-45

Including evenings, weekends, bank holidays

ANNUAL LEAVE

28 days

This can be taken at any time during the year.



ANNUAL INCOME

Starter £18,000

Experienced £40,000



EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

You can get into this job through:

- A college course
- An apprenticeship
- You will start at a Level 1 irrespective of your GCSE grades and go on to Level 2 and 3



Progression:

- You could choose to work in construction as a carpenter (building site) where you could progress to site manager
- You can complete a degree in joinery and bespoke cabinet making to become a specialist

You'll usually need for the Level 1 course:

- 3 or more GCSEs at grades 9 to 3 (A* to D) and completion of an aptitude test

Labour Market Information

In the Careers section of the school website you can find the useful comparison tool the 'Labour Market Information widget'

Use the widget to compare different job roles in any employment sector or relating specifically to the 'Job of the Week'.

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Carpenters and joiners

Carpenters and joiners construct, erect, install and repair wooden structures and fittings used in internal and external frameworks and cut, shape, fit and assemble wood to make templates, jigs, scale models and scenic equipment for theatres.

Common tasks in this job:

- examines drawings and specifications to determine job requirements;
- selects and measures appropriate wood and cuts, shapes and drills to specification using saws, planes, chisels and other power or hand tools;
- aligns and fixes prepared wood pieces by screwing, nailing, gluing and dowelling to form frames, shop fronts, counter units, decking, theatrical sets, furniture, small wooden craft, scale models and wooden templates;
- checks accuracy of work with square, rule and spirit level;

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Furniture makers and other craft woodworkers

Furniture makers and other craft woodworkers make, repair and restore wooden furniture, decorative objects and other crafted pieces of woodwork.

Common tasks in this job:

- examines drawings and specifications to determine job requirements and appropriate materials;
- selects, measures, cuts and shapes wood using saws, chisels, planes, powered hand tools and woodworking machines;
- assembles parts with crafted joints, nails, screws, dowels or adhesives and fits locks, catches, hinges, castors, drawers, shelves and other fittings;
- removes, replaces or repairs damaged parts of wooden furniture;

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Production managers and directors in construction

Production managers and directors in construction direct and co-ordinate resources for the construction and maintenance of civil and structural engineering works including houses, flats, factories, roads and runways, bridges, tunnels and railway works, harbour, dock and marine works and water supply, drainage and sewage works.

Common tasks in this job:

- liaises with other managers to plan overall production activity and construction activities, sets quality standards and estimates timescales and costs;
- receives invitations to tender, arranges for estimates and liaises with client, architect and engineers for the preparation of contracts;
- plans, directs and co-ordinates the construction and maintenance of civil and structural engineering works, including demolition, open-cast mining works and pipeline and piling;
- receives reports upon work in progress to ensure that materials and construction methods meet with specifications and statutory requirements and that there are no deviations from agreed plans.

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To compare the Labour Market Information of different job roles that you might be interested in please visit the Careers section on the school website.

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Click on the website links to research the job role further:

[Carpenter | Explore careers | National Careers Service](#)

Site Carpentry - <https://youtu.be/GIQOXSRkf8M>

[Carpenter/joiner | Health Careers \(google.co.uk\)](#)

[How To Become A Carpenter | Explore Jobs | UCAS](#)

[Carpentry and Joinery qualifications and training courses | City & Guilds \(cityandguilds.com\)](#)