

Open Road West Norfolk Prospectus



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Welcome to Open Road West Norfolk

Open Road was first established in **September 2009**. Here at Open Road students, trainers and staff enjoy attending and it is a safe place of learning, a place where students want to be rather than have to be.

Background for Open Road West Norfolk – Motor Mechanics

Open Road is a modern, well equipped automotive workshop and training facility that uses the attraction of motor vehicles as the catalyst that captures the attention and interest of young people. Students come from a wide range of backgrounds and many have had a difficult experience of learning so our goal is to provide a second chance and generate the desire to achieve more as an individual, and to help others by developing team player skills.

Open Road drives a culture of hard work, a place where application, positive attitude and teamwork is acknowledged and appropriately rewarded, ultimately leading to professionally recognised qualifications that will help students find their way onto a career path that will sustain and reward them for the future, a profession to be proud of.

Each young person who attends Open Road has a personalised training programme and the opportunity to achieve *Institute of the Motor Industry* (IMI) accredited awards. Attendance is usually one day a week but this is flexible depending upon the needs of the young person. Open Road offers places to young people who typically fall into two groups: young people who have been excluded or who are at risk of exclusion from school and secondly, young people who are at risk of becoming NEET (Not in Employment, Education or Training) in the future. The project provides supported training with a focus on motor vehicle maintenance but supplemented by life and citizenship skills to help develop young people who are ready for further studies or for the job market.

From January 2019 – Construction Industry Training

We extended our provision to also offer construction industry training.

The High Sheriff, Charles Watt, visited Open Road West Norfolk in 2019 to take a look at its facilities on the Hardwick Industrial Estate, and learn more about its work.

“It’s brilliant to hear the service is expanding into construction training. For all enterprises, expanding into a new area is challenging and has to be treated with care – and I wish them the very best with this new move.”

Costs

Our daily fee for young people to attend the centre is **£72** a day plus one-off cost for PPE £25 (Boots and Overalls) and registration and certification fees for qualifications.

Bursary Fund – Started in September 2017 and ongoing

The bursary fund is available for any individual for any of our activities if good reasons can be given and funding can be up to 100%. There needs to be an agreed outcome for each young person supported, for example a level 1 qualification or a period of successful work experience or successful completion of a particular activity.

Applications

Applications will be on a rolling basis and accepted throughout the year. To be considered please complete a Bursary Fund Application and Consent form which can be found on the website under '**Forms**'.

Open Road Bursary Fund Guidelines

Support for schools and their students.

Schools receive statutory funding to support their students together with pupil premium funds for those eligible for free school meals. We do not therefore intend to use the bursary fund to support school students. However, we would consider supporting an individual in an exceptional circumstance if the bursary would be the difference between them being able to participate or not.

Support for other charities or community groups

The bursary fund can be used to support a group 100% who were using Open Road for the first time and who do not have core funding to pay for the use of the facility. Funding for transport would not normally be offered except in exceptional circumstances. Repeat visits would normally require a group to raise their own funds to help fund the visit with a reduced or zero support from the bursary fund. The bursary fund could be used to support individuals within the group up to 100% if good reasons were given and outcomes were agreed.

What's going to be new in 2022

In September 2021 our lead mechanic trainer will be undergoing Electric Vehicle training and we will look to start offering the following qualification

- **IMI LEVEL 2 AWARD IN ELECTRIC/HYBRID VEHICLE ROUTINE MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES**
Qual Ref: 603/1466/7
- **IMI LEVEL 3 AWARD IN ELECTRIC/HYBRID VEHICLE SYSTEM REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT**
Qual Ref: 603/1468/0

Who we actively collaborate with

We work very closely with mainstream schools both locally and further afield as well as a number of Alternative Provision schools allowing Open Road to offer student places for Years 9 to 11.

We have worked with 'The Princes Trust' through 2016 providing the first 'Getting Started with Motor Vehicles' programme in the East during half terms (16-25yrs NEET). We have also worked with the Matthews Project – On Track.

We have worked with The College of West Anglia and delivering a study programme for 16 - 18-year olds.

Qualifications

New from September 2021

IMI Level 1 Award in Automotive Maintenance

Who is this qualification for?

These qualifications have been developed primarily for schools and colleges to deliver to Learners aged in the 14-16 age group, either on a full or part-time basis; however, they are also suitable for 16-19 Learners who wish to enter the automotive retail industry.

About

This qualification consists of a combination of units from:

- Health and Safety practices
- Foundation skills
- Automotive Maintenance

With such a variety of units, learners can get a real taste for developing their knowledge and skills onto further studies in their main area of interest.

Entry requirements

Learners taking the qualifications must be 14 years or over. There are no other formal entry requirements for the qualifications, and Learners are not expected to have any prior knowledge or experience.

Progression

The Award is ideal for those Learners who wish to undertake a qualification which provides a steppingstone to the IMI Level 1 Certificate in Automotive Maintenance.

New from September 2021

IMI Level 1 Certificate in Automotive Maintenance

Who is this qualification for?

The Certificate is ideal for those Learners who wish to undertake a qualification which will support their progress to a Level 1 Diploma in Automotive Maintenance or a Level 2 qualification. It can also supplement their progress to GCSEs and other appropriate destinations.

About

This qualification consists of a combination of units from:

- Health and Safety practices
- Foundation skills
- Automotive Maintenance

This Generic route for Automotive Maintenance allows learners to have the flexibility to develop their knowledge and skills across a variety of specialist areas to prepare them for further studies and potentially enter into a job role they desire.

Entry requirements

This is usually a follow-on qualification from the Level 1 Award in Automotive Maintenance and requires a further 200 learning hours for completion or a further 40 days study following the 14 days on the award.

Progression

Completion of this Certificate Qualification will support the learner's progression into Foundation Learning (Level 1) or High (Level 2) Diploma. It can also supplement their progress to GCSEs and other appropriate destinations, such as apprenticeships and employment.

New from September 2021

IMI Level 1 Diploma in Automotive Maintenance

Who is this qualification for?

The Diploma is ideally suited to 16-19-year-old Learners who enjoy the sector and wish to develop experience in a variety of automotive industry sectors, at a level suiting their ability. It will also support a Learner's progress to a Level 2 qualification or an Apprenticeship.

About

This qualification consists of a combination of units from:

- Health and Safety practices
- Foundation skills
- Automotive Maintenance
- Electrical
- Electrically Propelled Awareness

This Generic route for Automotive Maintenance allows learners to have the flexibility to develop their knowledge and skills across a variety of specialist areas to prepare them for further studies and potentially enter into a job role they desire.

Entry requirements

This is usually a follow-on qualification from the Level 1 Certificate in Automotive Maintenance. And requires a further 75 learning hours or a further 15 days following the certificate course. A student who completed these three levels could achieve them in 70 days which is the equivalent of one day a week for two school years or two days a week for one school year.

IMI Level 2 Diploma in Vehicle Inspection

Who is this qualification for?

This knowledge and skills qualification (VRQ) is primarily designed to meet the needs of the young apprentice. It suits school & college students (and leavers) who wish to join the automotive industry.

About

It provides learners with the opportunity to study both the theory and practical aspects of a range of routine vehicle inspection, fitting and maintenance procedures:

- Routine light vehicle maintenance, including engine systems.
- Inspecting, repairing and replacing light vehicle: standard and high-performance tyres.
- Carrying out light vehicle four-wheel alignment.
- Inspecting and replacing light vehicle: exhaust components, suspension dampers & springs, vehicle batteries and braking systems & components.
- Learners also gain a broad knowledge and understanding of health and safety in the workplace, agreeing customer vehicle needs and other skills associated with working in a garage.

This Generic route for Transport Maintenance allows learners to have the flexibility to develop their knowledge and skills across a variety of specialist areas to prepare them for further studies and potentially enter into a job role they desire.

Entry requirements

This is usually a follow-on qualification from the Level 1 qualifications.

Progression

This qualification offers the opportunity for progression onto:

- a full IMI SSC L2 Apprenticeship – or one of its component qualifications, e.g. a L2 Light Vehicle Technical Certificate
- a Vocational Competence Qualification (VCQ) for those who are employed.

Since January 2019 we have been offering Construction Industry Qualifications through Pearson Vocational Qualifications



The following qualifications are available:-

Pearson BTEC Level 1 Introductory Award in Construction

Qualification Number (QN) 603/5132/9

Who is this qualification for?

Designed for learners wishing to gain an introduction to a chosen vocation area. The Award offers the opportunity for learners to study a sector unit and plan for their next steps by completing the mandatory unit: Developing a Personal Progression Plan.

About

For all regulated qualifications, Pearson specifies a total number of hours of study that it is expected learners will be required to undertake in order to complete the qualification: this is the Total Qualification Time (TQT). This is calculated for the average learner. Within TQT, Pearson identifies the number of Guided Learning Hours (GLH) that we expect a centre delivering the qualification to provide. Guided learning means activities, such as lessons, tutorials, supervised study and supervised assessments that directly involve tutors and assessors in teaching, supervising and invigilating learners. TQT includes other required learning such as private study, preparation for assessment and undertaking assessment when not directly under supervision.

Assessment	Centre –devised assessment (internal assessment)
Total Qualification Time	75
Guided learning hours	70
Grading information	Units are assessed using a grading scale of Distinction, Merit, Pass and Unclassified.

Entry requirements

No prior knowledge, understanding, skills or qualifications are required before learners can register for this qualification.

Progression

It can support their progress to a Pearson **BTEC Level 1 Award introductory Certificate in Construction** and also supplement their progress to GCSEs and other appropriate destinations, such as apprenticeships and employment.

Pearson BTEC Level 1 Introductory Certificate in Construction

Qualification Number (QN) 601/8543/0

Who is this qualification for?

Designed for learners who may be ready to progress quickly to further study, the Certificate offers a basic introduction to the construction sector. It could form part of a study programme that includes other appropriate subjects such as English and maths.

About

Assessment	Centre-devised assessment (internal assessment)
Total Qualification Time	195
Guided learning hours	180
Grading Information	Units are assessed using a grading scale of Distinction, Merit, Pass and Unclassified.

Entry requirements

No prior knowledge, understanding, skills or qualifications are required before learners can register for this qualification.

Progression

It can support their progress to a Pearson **BTEC Level 1 Introductory Diploma in Construction** and also supplement their progress to GCSEs and other appropriate destinations, such as apprenticeships and employment.

We hope to be offering **BTEC Level 1 Diploma in Construction** in the near future.

There centre has a small staff team which is supplemented by sessional tutors and volunteers.

Robin Hansell - Centre Manager



Lead Mechanic Trainer

Mark Atkinson- Construction Trainer



Kieran Lane - Mechanic Workshop Assistant



Ady Barney – Business Manager



James Bagge – Our Patron



David Lennard Jones – Chair of Trustees



Terry Smith – Executive Trustee

Other Activities provided at Open Road

Summer Activities

August 2021 was the first time Open Road opened its doors for Workshop based activities in mechanics and construction. We were open three days a week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Young people were able to attend and work on real cars and go-karts and make bird boxes, planters and tables.



Application forms available from the website or direct from office@openroadtraining.co.uk

Go-Kart Programme during school holidays



- * The program is based around the building of a Go-Kart over 2 days and then attending a go kart track for a race session on the afternoon of the second day.
- * Days 1 and 2 (am) will be building the Go-Kart from kit form
- * Day 2 (pm) will be track event
- * Sessions are held at Open Road Training facility in King's Lynn
- * An Open Road Training Certificate will be awarded to all participants that successfully complete the program.

Each day starts at 9.30am to finish 3pm

Two day programme costs £80 per person.

Case Study – One of our successes

D was referred to Open Road from King's Lynn Academy. He had not been attending school frequently and when he did his behaviour was a concern and he was in danger of permanent exclusion.

We accepted him for three days a week and he was to attend school for the other two days. He found it very hard to remain focused and motivated in large groups but we were able to adjust his days to ensure his groups were small. He had issues with anger initially but we were able to offer practical solutions and strategies for him to be able to begin to control this.

He began attending school regularly for the two days a week and from January 2020 he reduced to two days at Open Road and increased attendance at school to three days a week in order for him to concentrate on core subjects including Maths and English. He is due to leave school summer 2021 and he is on track to achieve a Pearson's BTEC Level 1 Award in Construction and a Level 1 Certificate.

The change we have seen in him is remarkable. From an angry young man to a helpful and reliable team member who willingly helps and mentors the younger young people in the group.

We asked the school for a quote for this case study:-

"D has come a long way, since being with us and attending Open Road. We all feel your provision has been the making of him and with our support as well. He feels more confident about the future and the path he will be taking. On a 1-1 bases he is a delight and his social skills have improved dramatically."

Mandy Thomas and Forward Step King's Lynn Academy Dec 2020

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