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Greenhatch Expertise Crucial in T-Level Delivery

DCG has a long association with employers in the Professional Construction industry with the Industry Skills Board established for well over ten years.

A wide range of businesses have been involved in the T Level in Construction: Design, Surveying and Planning which was launched in September 2020 and focuses on a number of professions – including surveying.

These include The Greenhatch Group, which employs more than 130 staff across the UK and whose head office is in Little Eaton. The company has been heavily involved in the co-design and co-delivery of the T-Level curriculum.

DCG was the first FE College in the East Midlands to offer the first tranche of T-Levels in September 2020 in Design, Surveying and Planning; Education and Childcare and Digital Production – all of which are equivalent to three A-Levels.

The two-year programmes involve 80% of time spent in College and 20% on an industrial placement. They have been developed in collaboration with employers so that they meet the skills requirements of industry and better prepare students for the workplace with progression routes either straight into work, higher/degree apprenticeships or full-time university programmes.

Greenhatch Senior surveyor Sam Lewis has advised DCG on the latest surveying equipment – supporting staff and students in its use – and has delivered practical surveying tuition both at the College and off-site on field trips.

The company has also provided work placements this year to the second cohort of students and has so far offered jobs to two T-Level students they worked with at College.

Mr Lewis said: “We work in a highly qualified, well-educated and well paid profession with a lot to offer young people so it is important for us as a company to be involved with DCG to ensure the talent pipeline into the industry.

“Further to our role on the Industry Skills Board, we were keen to engage on the T-Level curriculum to ensure the qualification was relevant and up to date.

“We looked at what the syllabus included and advised changes relating to what the industry needs – making it more relevant and up to date with the changes in equipment and work methods.

“Thanks to the structure of the T-Level with a good mix of theory, practical and work placements, the DCG students joining us after their study programme will have a head start on many other new entrants to the profession.

“An important aspect of our work is client relationships so soft skills such as communications, attitude and behaviour are equally as important as industry knowledge.

“As well as identifying potential apprentices who have the right work behaviours, attitudes and work ethics, being involved in the delivery of the curriculum has also helped us to better focus our training and professional development within the company.

“Being involved in the T-Level programme has been well worth my time. It has been one of the most rewarding things that I have done.



DCG Curriculum Manager Majd Khador added: "Employers' input into the co-design and co-delivery of the curriculum has been a vital part in the successful introduction of T-Levels at DCG.

"Their expertise has ensured that this new 'Gold Standard' of technical and vocational qualifications provides a high-quality alternative to A levels and apprenticeships.

"We are widely recognised for proven strength in these professional and technical subject areas and for our nationally-acclaimed partnership work with employers so we have been well-placed to be among the first to introduce these new qualifications.

"As well as working with employers to secure work experience in their premises, which is such an important aspect of these new qualifications, we have updated industry-specific resources here at College to maximise the practical and theoretical aspects of the programme and Sam's expertise has been vital in achieving this."





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