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Moulton College Cements Bricklaying Skills

Moulton College in Northampton has invited students throughout the East Midlands to take part in a series of construction master classes to help raise their game and enable them to take on the rest of the world at UK skills events.

'Bricklaying & Serpentine Walling', 'Carpentry & Specialist Routing' and 'Plumbing & Converting a Central Heating System for L1 Compliance' are just three of over 60 master classes to be held across the East Midlands on 30th May 2008, with the rest planned over the following three months. The aim is to inspire talented young people to improve their vocational skills and learn about specialist opportunities in their chosen careers.

Hosted at **Moulton College, Northampton** the classes are open to young people who are already undertaking an apprenticeship in one of the specialist areas of construction. Each student will experience first-hand demonstrations and one-to-one support by expert tutors during the classes at Moulton College. The learners chosen to attend the master classes will gain an insight into the skills required to work at the highest levels in their profession.

Neil Dellar, subject manager for construction services & management at Moulton College, said: "I am delighted that we are bringing the Master Classes to Moulton College. This event will provide local trainees with an opportunity to showcase their newly gained skills

and I am sure that they will enjoy the challenge. The students will have the opportunity to use our excellent facilities which are set in a unique rural environment”

The programme of UK Skills master classes is funded by the Learning and Skills Council; Northamptonshire acting area director, Andrew Cheal, said: “The UK participates in prestigious vocational skills competitions and it is hoped that some of our local learners may have the opportunity to compete at a national level in the UK World Skills competitions or to represent our country at the next World Skills event in 2009. These master classes can be a stepping stone to global competitions and are an exciting opportunity for young people.”

Dates for other Moulton College master classes are:

Advanced Carpentry, Moulton College, Holcot Centre. Moulton, NN37RR	30 May, 9am- 4.45pm
Advanced Plumbing, Moulton College, Holcot Centre, Moulton, NN37RR	30 May, 9am- 4.45pm
Advanced Brickwork, Moulton College, Holcot Centre. Moulton, NN37RR	30 May, 9am- 4.45pm

Ends

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Moulton College has an unrivalled reputation for excellence in training for the Land Based, Construction and Furniture industries and became an independent Further Education Corporation in 1992. Moulton College offers education and training for full time

and part time students of all ages, in more than 15 specialist disciplines associated with the natural, built and recreational environment. www.moulton.ac.uk

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The master classes are open to a selection of trainees from across the region. There is also information on all local master classes - that range from motor engineering at Silverstone race track to beauty therapy with some of the UK's top hair stylists. www.fcte.co.uk

