

Thistle College Partnership

As a manufacturer we are committed to supporting the development of new tradespeople into the Construction Industry. Working with the Plastering Departments in colleges throughout the UK we support approximately 5,000 students on an annual basis from Diploma NVQ Level 1 through to Level 3 solid plastering.



Welcoming plastering students into the industry at Kirklees College

We have in excess of 75 colleges within the Thistle College Partnership around the whole of the UK. We also have four Interior Systems Partnerships nationally.

In 2013 we worked with the National Association of Plastering Lecturers to understand how we could develop the support we provided to further education colleges for their students and lecturers. The result was the Learning Hub - a dedicated website for students and lecturers. The Learning Hub contains sections to support student development with their qualifications and lecturers with up to date information on products and systems launched in the market place.



Sections on the Learning Hub include:-

- Presentations mapped to the Diploma NVQ solid plastering qualifications level 1, 2 & 3
- Projects section covering tasks for students along with a host of 'how to' videos and recapping questions students can do to further engage learning
- Presentations about our latest products
- Comprehensive literature section
- Stand alone 'How to videos' section
- A forum for students to engage with course tutors and the Academy Team while they are on the course and after finishing their qualifications, in fact, students are logged on for life in the trade!



Lecturer's view Mark Jones, Bolton College



"Having the Learning Hub as a resource has been of great benefit, not only to the students but to staff within the department as well. The 'how to' videos and recapping questions are a great addition which gets engagement of students to support their studies."



Student's view David Simpson, Carlisle College

"I have studied at Carlisle College to gain my plastering qualifications to Diploma NVQ Level 3 Solid Plastering. British Gypsum came into the college to give a presentation and to welcome us into the Construction Industry. How to access the Learning Hub was demonstrated to us and since then I have frequently logged on to watch the videos and check out the presentations which are linked to my plastering qualification. They really have supported me in my learning and understanding of plastering products and British Gypsum systems generally."

