

Construction students compete in challenges to test their skills



12 Full-Time Plumbing Students took part in a 3 hour competition

The Plumbing and Electrical departments at Bournemouth & Poole College were a key focus during National Apprenticeship Week. Competitions were organised by tutors for students to partake in, giving them the opportunity to show off their skills and compete against their peers. Key businesses that work with the college were involved and sponsored the competitions.

12 Full-Time Plumbing Students took part in a 3 hour competition designed to test their basic hand skills and general ability to build a working frame in the given time.

Plumbing department Learning Manager Dan Woods cast his expert eye over the final pieces of work, which were then inspected and finally judged by the competition's sponsor Steve Rocket, owner of Rocket Plumbing & Heating Supplies Ltd. The company supply trades people across the Bournemouth and Poole area.

1st prize, an adjustable spanner went to Nathan Vallory. Not only did Nathan achieve the 1st prize based on accuracy, use of materials and cleanliness, he did so in under the allocated time by nearly an hour. Which will be key in the real world of the industry.

2nd prize winner was Luke Warren who won a pair of adjustable pipe cutters.

3rd was Cameron Doe. He too won a pair of adjustable pipe cutters.

Competition was yet again strong between the 7 competing Full-Time Level 2 Electrical Installation Students. The Electrical Tutors set up the challenge sponsored by Eyre & Elliston.

It was key that participants took into account the planning, the layout of their 'Rig' and the selection of the correct materials. Testing included basic hand skills and each person's abilities in wiring and industrial installation, all in the space of 4 hours.

All 7 entrants work was assessed and inspected by Electrical Installation Tutor, Darren Parker and Bournemouth Borough Council's Electrical Contracts Manager, Doug Smith.

Competition was tough and judges had their work cut out choosing. But based on accuracy of measurement, correct use of materials and overall cleanliness, a final 3 were selected.

1st prize, went to Mitchell Stanfield. He became the proud owner of £100 worth of tools which were generously donated by Eyre & Elliston.

2nd prize winner was James Gammon who won a gift voucher for £20.

3rd Glenda Samson also won a £20 gift voucher which can be used at any Eyre & Elliston branch.

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