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Specialist Marine Technology equipment

More than £250,000 has been spent creating our Marine Technology Centre which opened in September 2012.



The centre contains the latest marine equipment and technologies and has a total capacity of around 250 students. The centre is closely supported by Poole-based Sunseeker International, The RNLI, The British Marine Federation and many other leading marine organisations.

Moving into the marine industry is a natural extension of The College's core areas of expertise in engineering and construction. The courses covered in the new Marine Technology Centre include all aspects of the leisure marine industry sector, traditional boat building carpentry and marine mechanical and electrical engineering.

What do people think?



"We know all too well the challenges young people face when starting out in the marine industry because we have all been through it ourselves. It is a wonderful career and we aim to make their passage to fully trained and skilled marine engineers a rewarding experience."

Nick Farwell: Engineering Expert

"It was a big step coming from school straight into a work based area, it's great to have the opportunity to achieve what you want to achieve and to get qualified in the right area. The facilities are brand new so you know you're going to be dealing with all the latest technologies. I feel very privileged to be working with the best."

Louis Bridget Marine: Mechanical Engineering Apprentice

"Our link with The Bournemouth & Poole College through the Marine Technology Centre is a great move, as it helps to ensure we continue to grow and develop the expertise and training that our apprentices receive both at a craftsmanship level and the higher technical level."

Alex Bowman: Sunseeker International Training Manager



"The environment isn't too regimented, like school is, it's a more professional environment where we're treated like working adults - which makes working easier. It's also really beneficial that we get to work with apprentices from other companies as we get a broader knowledge and skill set."

Sam Edwards: Marine Apprentice with the RNLI

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