# WELCOME TO THE VEHICLE PAINT REFINISHING DEPARTMENT

There is no doubt about it, you have made a great choice to explore the exciting world of Vehicle Refinishing!

Refinishing is a vast subject given that almost everything that surrounds us has a coating of some form or another applied to it for various reasons, ranging from abrasion resistance to simply decorative effects such as custom painting on a vehicle. Here at the Tameside Vehicle Paint Refinishing department we train and qualify students to refinish accident damaged vehicles, such as cars and motorbikes to a high standard. The unique advantage of this course is that we also train you and assist you in developing 'transferable skills'. These skills easily cross over into other areas of refinishing such as Vehicle S.M.A.R.T. repair techniques, industrial spraying or plant equipment, furniture painting and many more. The list is endless!

The Tameside Paint Refinishing department offers a limited number of places. At the moment there are only 24 places for students available at Level 1 each year. Demand is high and we will only take students who demonstrate a genuine interest and who are willing to give their full attention to the

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# TAMESIDE COLLEGE VEHICLE PAINT REFINISHING



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We welcome people from all sections of the community.

In all aspects of college life we value diversity.

# **ABOUT THE COURSE**

The Vehicle Paint Refinishing course takes place two-days each week over a 36-weeks period. The two days you spend at the College are split between theory teaching and training in the Workshop.



## **WORKSHOP**

You will know you are in the right place once you see the Union flag MINI bursting through the brick wall! This is where we will train you in the practical side of the subject.

Starting at a very basic level, we nurture the students through a number of practical tasks culminating in an Assessment of Competence. Don't worry, all this simply means is whether or not you have mastered it. If not, we will let you practice until you have.

As added value to the course, once each of the 27 core practical assessments have been completed, you are likely to have the chance to explore the world of custom painting using the latest techniques and equipment. The choice is yours.

## **THEORY**

We can't get away from the fact that there is no point in knowing HOW to follow a refinishing process if you don't understand WHY you have to follow that particular process and do it 'that certain way'.

Here at the Tameside College's Refinishing Dept we train you to be able to explain different types of paint and their uses as well as to identify different painting techniques and their ability to change the final finishes' appearance. This is taught in a fun and relaxed way using interesting resources and active learning techniques. The final assessment for the theory sessions is in the form of 13 written assessments and 3 online multiple choice tests.

Throughout the course you will develop a practical portfolio\* and also maintain a written theory folder as evidence of attending the guided learning hours stipulated by the awarding body, the IMI (Institute of the Motor Industry).

\*this is completed in an E-portfolio

# YOUR UNIQUE EXPERIENCE

Here are some of the exciting opportunities and experiences on offer during a typical spraying course:



- // 100% achievement rate
- // Custom painting
- // Demonstrations and visits from leading manufacturers and suppliers such as Devilbiss, 3M, Farecla and Lechler
- // Internal competitions
- // Hands-on training
- # Excellent progression to employment and apprenticeships
- // Practicing with cutting-edge
  tools and equipment
- // Interior and exterior S.M.A.R.T. repair techniques and demonstrations

If you love cars we can help you achieve a qualification.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Vehicle Refinishers and Car Sprayers earn OTE of between £25,000 and £45,000 a year.

# **PROGRESSION**

Once you have completed the Level 1 course there is progression to Level 2 available, but only if you achieve the required grade and demonstrate that you are committed to proceed. Level 3 could follow as well.



# BUYING YOUR KIT

To join the course, as with all vocational subjects, a kit is required for you to train with.

The kit for the Paint Refinishing course costs £220 and includes an industry standard full size Devilbiss spraygun, a 3M respirator and all the required Personal Protective Equipment you'll need – your safety is of major importance to the College. We use top suppliers and order big quantities of kits, equipment and consumables each year. This leads to fantastic discounts that we then pass onto you.

### **BURSARIES**

Bursaries for the kit are available for everyone - these are subject to financial circumstances.

# **APPRENTICESHIPS**

If you find a job in a body shop we can facilitate the NVQ qualification through TCT (Tameside College Training).



# FUNCTIONAL SKILLS

A good knowledge of Maths and English is nowadays an important prerequisite for all young people looking to find employment. Here at Tameside College, along with government directives, we want young people to achieve at least a Level 2 standard in Maths and English. In this way we make sure that you are equipped with the tools you will need to enter into employment in the future.

- // If you are unable to achieve a GCSE grade C or above whilst at school, you will be required to attend Functional Skills Maths and English sessions. These sessions take place two hours each week
- // If you achieve a grade D in Maths and/or English you will be required to do a GCSE resit which encompasses 3 hours per week in each subject.
- // If you leave school and have achieved GCSE grade C or above, there will be no need for you to attend the Functional skills sessions or the GCSE sessions at the College but we will need to see evidence of your GCSE results at the start of the course.

