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For Rav Chopra an apprenticeship gave him the qualifications he needed to become a carpenter. He looks back at how he has benefited from learning a skilled trade.

"I got my Level 2 qualification in carpentry in 2007 and have been at Wulfrun Building Services for three years," says 25-year-old Rav.

"I went to college one day a week to study as well as working as an apprentice which was much better than just going out and getting work without the opportunity to back it up with qualifications.

"Get your paperwork in order is what I say, get your head down and work, that's the only way.

"Now that I've got my qualification I want to get more experience under my belt and I might consider a third year studying advanced carpentry. At the moment I go out on jobs like pub refits and refurbishments but I would like to aim to become a working foreman on bigger £100,000 jobs."



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Pictured is: Rav Chopra

Notes to editors:

BCTG (Black Country Training Group Limited) works with a range of training organisations across the West Midlands delivering a range of publicly and privately funded training initiatives.

BCTG works closely with a range of public and private organisations, including the Learning and Skills Council, which support many of our activities.

BCTG has four main aims:

1. Engaging with young people and adults to take up vocational learning
2. Working with employers to help develop the skills their business needs to succeed
3. To improve the quality of education and training delivered in the West Midlands
4. Building partnerships across all the stakeholders interested in improving education and training.

BCTG offers a wide range of information, advice and training services to suit the needs of young people, schools and training providers and employers.

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