

Training for a skilled workforce

Stourbridge College's training centres in Kingswinford and Brierley Hill are on course to spark renewed interest in training and will be key in helping the local workforce skilled and back to work.

The Energy Training Centre in Ham Lane has recently been approved as the Black Country's first electrical Achievement & Measurement test centre, offering a package of training courses in gas and electricity.

Also, in Brierley Hill, The Advanced Technology Centre provides a further range of construction courses including plumbing and brickwork.

Qualified

Both centres are modern, well equipped facilities with fully-qualified trainers delivering practical assessment and classroom-based theory.

Courses are available to suit a range of skills and backgrounds including, portable appliance testing, domestic core gas safety, domestic ACS and appliances, electrical servicing, plumbing and construction skills.

Kevin Stevens, senior director for Stourbridge college's construction and motor vehicle department says: "Our training centres offer a range of construction, electrical, plumbing and gas courses at all levels.

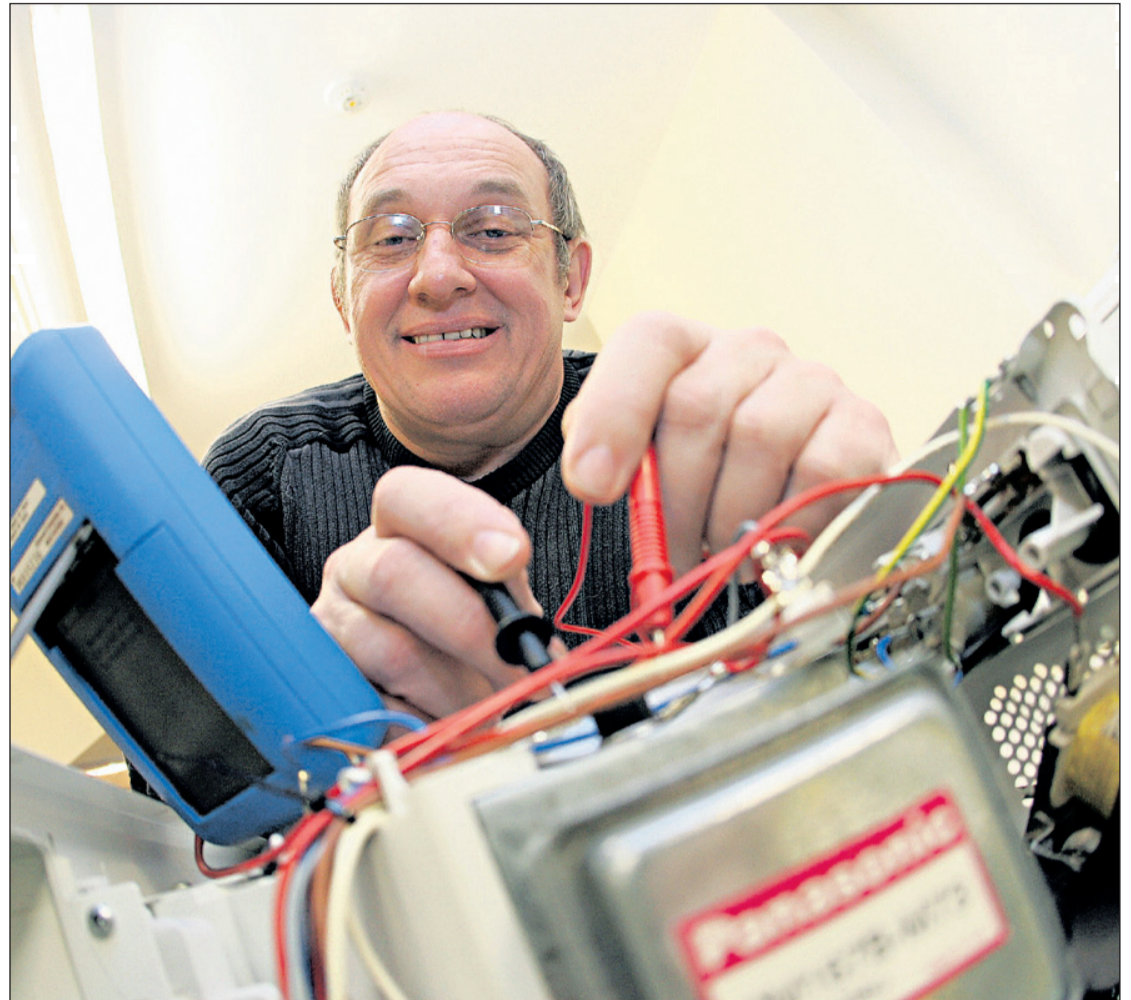
"We have first class facilities combined with staff that can provide an all round comprehensive train-



At the main entrance to the site



James Rowley on a carpentry course



Electrical servicing, plumbing and construction skills are some of the courses available at Stourbridge College

ing experience. Our courses are very competitively priced and in some cases, cheaper than many others on offer in the region. It's so important in the current economic climate to equip people with essential skills and qualifications during

this time so that when industry starts to pick up again, there is a trained workforce on hand for local employers."

The college is also the first in the Black Country to be awarded the Training Quality Standard backed by

the Learning Skills Council, proving its top of the class for delivering training.

Building upon existing skills or developing new ones is simple with Stourbridge College's full range of training courses – some of which are part-funded.

For further details email valerie.graham@stourbridge.ac.uk or telephone

01384 344729.

Alternatively visit Stourbridge College's special twilight event on Wednesday March, 4 between 5-7 pm at the ATC Centre, Water-

front, Brierley Hill, to discuss the options available.

The event is open to anyone aged 16 and over with an interest in construction courses, apprenticeships or gas and electric qualifications.