

# Award win for tiling apprentice

A SOUTHERN Regional tiling apprentice has won Trainee Tile Fixer of the Year at The Tile Association (TTA) Awards.

Apprentice, Dylan Calvert works for Orchard Tiles in Portadown and is currently completing the Level 3 Wall and Floor Tiling apprenticeship programme at the Southern Regional College's Greenbank Campus.

The Tile Association is the trade association for wall and floor tiling in the UK and to win one of these awards is a mark of excellence and skill within the industry.

Dylan also recently won Gold at the national finals of the SkillBuild competition, progressing to the WorldSkills UK training squad for WorldSkills 2021 which are due to be held in Shanghai.

Commenting on his TTA award, Dylan said: "I started my trade in Year 11 in the School Partnership Programme and this experience really helped me confirm that this was my career pathway. It is unbelievable how far I have come and what I have achieved with the training and support I receive at Southern Regional College. I now have the opportunity to go to the Skills Olympics as part of WorldSkills UK and compete in my skill area."

Dylan's Wall and Floor Tiling lecturer, Paul Doran, said: "We are so proud of Dylan's achievements and he really demonstrates that by the application of hard work, commitment and dedication to a career pathway that he enjoys, this really pays off! Dylan is continuing to train hard to complete his qualifications here at SRC and as part of the WorldSkills UK squad."

