SMART Repairs Course

Five days, 1-to-1: one classroom day, then four hands-on days of complete repairs, each finished with a blend.

Format	1-to-1 — one trainee per week, just you and Connor
Length	5 days, 27 hours (Mon 3.5h · Tue 7.5h · Wed 4.5h · Thu 7.5h · Fri 4h)
Structure	Monday: classroom training. Tuesday–Friday: fully hands-on
Price	£1,995 (all paint, consumables and equipment supplied, no starter kit)
Second week	Add a second week booked at the same time for £1,396.50 (30% off) — £3,391.50 for both weeks
Deposit	£400 once your application is approved; balance due 14 days before you start
Location	Bridgend, South Wales (CF31) — exact address confirmed on approval
Certificate	SW Car Care Certificate of Completion (not an accredited qualification)

Who it's for

- Beginners wanting a career or their own SMART repair business
- Valeters and detailers adding repairs to their services
- Garage or bodyshop staff wanting mobile SMART skills

Tailored to you

The timetable below is the standard course. When you apply you tell us your current knowledge and experience; Connor reviews it and adjusts the content, pace and depth of each day to suit you — a complete beginner and someone already working in the trade will get a different week. The price stays the same.

Timetable at a glance

Day	Hours	Type	Focus
Monday	9:30–13:00	Classroom	Safety, paint systems, assessing damage, colour theory and the business
Tuesday	9:30–17:00	Hands-on	Bumper scuff repairs on solid colours, each with a full blend
Wednesday	8:30–13:00	Hands-on	Deeper damage with filling; metallic colours blended in
Thursday	9:30–17:00	Hands-on	Harder panels and edges; pearl and three-stage colours blended in
Friday	8:30–12:30	Hands-on	Repairs done independently to time, assessment and certificate

Day-by-day detail

Monday — Foundations & the business

9:30–13:00 (3.5 hours) · Classroom

Health & safety

- Isocyanates, respirators and spraying safely
- PPE, ventilation and safe working at customers' homes
- Storing and disposing of paint and solvents

Paint systems & damage

- Solid, metallic, pearl and three-stage finishes
- Plastic vs metal panels and adhesion promoter
- Assessing damage: what's a SMART repair and what needs a bodyshop

Colour & process

- Paint codes, colour variants and spray-out cards
- Colour theory and tinting basics
- The full repair process step by step: prep, fill, prime, base, blend, lacquer, finish

The business

- Quoting from photos and in person
- Material costs per repair and pricing for profit
- Insurance, warranties and customer expectations

Tuesday — Bumper scuffs — solid colours

9:30–17:00 (7.5 hours) · Hands-on

Repairs

- A series of light bumper scuff repairs on solid colours
- Cleaning, degreasing and masking
- Sanding and feathering edges
- Primer application and flatting

Blending

- Basecoat application and a full blend into the surrounding paint
- Lacquer application and blending the edge

Products & equipment used

- Gravity-fed and touch-up spray guns, compressor
- Abrasives, scuff pads, primer, basecoat, lacquer, blending thinner
- Infrared lamp for curing

Wednesday — Deeper damage — metallics

8:30–13:00 (4.5 hours) · Hands-on

Repairs

- Deeper scuffs and scratches needing filler
- Plastic filler, shaping and guide coat

- Primer and flatting to a perfect profile

Blending metallics

- Colour checking with spray-out cards
- Controlling metallic flake and avoiding halos and mottling
- Blending and lacquering every repair

Thursday — Harder panels — pearl & three-stage

9:30–17:00 (7.5 hours) · Hands-on

Repairs

- Edges, corners, swage lines and textured areas
- Repairs that need more than one panel area

Blending pearl & three-stage

- Ground coat, mid-coat (pearl) and lacquer
- Let-down panels and matching depth of pearl
- Blending, then flatting and polishing the finished repairs

Friday — Assessment & certificate

8:30–12:30 (4 hours) · Hands-on

Independent repairs

- You carry out repairs on your own to time, each finished with a blend

Assessment & close

- Practical assessment against the criteria overleaf
- One-to-one feedback and next steps
- Certificate of Completion presented

Assessment & certificate

- Correct damage assessment and repair plan
- Prep quality: feathering, filler shaping, no sand-through
- Colour match and an invisible blend
- Lacquer finish free of runs, dry edges and contamination
- Flatting and polishing to a sellable standard
- Repair completed within an agreed time
- Certificate awarded on reaching the standard

What's included

- 1-to-1 tuition for the full 27 hours
- All products, chemicals, consumables and equipment used during the course
- PPE for the week (gloves, eye protection, respirator, overalls)
- Practice vehicles / panels
- A recommended kit list with suggested suppliers
- SW Car Care Certificate of Completion

Not included

- Starter kit — none is supplied to take away; use the kit list to buy your own
- Travel, accommodation and meals
- Insurance for your own business after the course

Recommended kit list (to buy afterwards)

Item	Why
Compressor + SMART spray guns	Basecoat and lacquer
Respirator and PPE	Safe spraying
DA sander and abrasives	Prep and feathering
Infrared curing lamp	Fast curing on site
Filler, primer, lacquer, blending thinner	Core materials
Paint mixing scheme or supplier account	Colour-matched basecoat
Polisher, pads and compound	Finishing the repair
Masking tape, paper, tack cloths, degreaser	Prep and cleanliness

Optional second week (30% off)

Booked at the same time as your first week for £1,396.50 (30% off). The second week builds on week one and is tailored to you — typically more complex blends, multi-panel and three-stage work, alloy wheel repair, faster repair timings and quoting real-world jobs. The deposit stays the same; the balance covers both weeks.

Entry requirements & what to bring

- Aged 18 or over
- Reasonable physical fitness — the hands-on days involve kneeling, bending and standing
- Full driving licence preferred (essential if you plan to work mobile)

- Bring: comfortable work clothes and safety boots, a notebook, phone for photos of your work, lunch

Booking terms

- Places are by application only — applying doesn't book or charge anything
- Once approved, the deposit secures your week; it isn't refundable but can be moved to another date once
- The balance is due 14 days before your start date
- If we have to cancel (illness, severe weather affecting hands-on work), we'll offer a new date or a full refund

How to apply

- Go to **swcarcare.com/training** and choose this course
- Tick the second week if you want it, and pick up to 3 preferred start weeks
- Tell us your experience and goals, and send your application
- Connor will call you to talk it through, then confirm your week