

11th November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

As a school we have been offered a fantastic opportunity for 6 of our Year 9 GCSE product design students to participate in The Engineering Development Trust's Industrial Cadets programme.

This is a programme lasting 20 hours and will involve working with Mott Macdonald as industry mentors on a project set out by the EDT. We are going to run this opportunity as a Session 6 on Wednesdays, starting on 27th November 2024 with an additional launch meeting on Tuesday 26th November from 3.15-4.15pm. The regular Session 6s will run from 3.00-4.30pm, and a lunchtime session on a day to be agreed with the team. There is more information on the project below:

- 20-hour project run through schools with Miss Leatherland, Mrs Lambo-Hills and Mott Macdonald as the industry mentor.
- Pupils will produce a final written report, model and presentation.
- At the end of the project, pupils will take part in an online virtual assessment with a panel of STEM assessors.
- Pupils will be invited to EDT celebration event at Cambridge University, where they will be awarded their Bronze Industrial Cadet certificates and badges.

As there are only 6 spaces available for this project, we are asking students to email Mrs Lambo-Hills, or hand her a note which contains a paragraph outlining why they would like to take part in this opportunity and what they think they could bring to the team. We would like this by the end of the day on Thursday 21st November. Successful students will be told on the Friday, ready for the following week.

Previous alumni of this scheme have gone on to a variety of careers, apprenticeships and university courses all within STEM (Science, Technology and Maths) and have gained confidence, teamworking skills and professional development.

Yours faithfully

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