

Embrace Engineering

The UK government announced that 2018 would be the year of engineering. The purpose of this is to shorten the engineering skills gap and to widen the horizon for children interested in the engineering profession.

The campaign will be primarily aimed at children aged around 11-18. To accompany engineering, there will be STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) workshops in schools held by the UK government. The Royal Academy Of Engineering's Senior Communications Manager had this to say: "2018 will see the rise of a brand-new engineering galaxy."

The government aim to introduce a clearer focus on STEM subjects such as Science, Technology and Maths in schools. A further aim is to examine the usefulness of STEM in schools, and there could be a large emphasis on promoting relevant STEM career paths.

Kingsmeadow has already run a STEM workshop which was held on Monday 11th December. The event, which lasted the whole day, consisted of a variety of Maths, Technology and Science related activities and information sharing. Also, some experts from an engineering background visited and provided guidance and insight for year 7 and 8 students.

Many of the students taking part valued the day and look forward to more events like it following this government announcement.

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