



Challenge for young engineers

The first Young Engineer of the Year challenge set up by Staffordshire-based KMF to inspire the next generation of engineers involved 16 Staffordshire schools. The 2013/14 challenge involves 18 schools, and one of them is being sponsored by the UK subsidiary of Germany's Trumpf, which focuses on production and medical technology.

Graham Jessop, technical support manager at Trumpf Ltd (www.uk.trumpf.com), says: "The Young Engineer of the Year competition is a great initiative for Trumpf to sponsor, and we are looking forward to assisting and mentoring Haywood Academy students throughout the whole process. It will give school-children the opportunity to be involved in a fantastic venture that will enhance

their learning development and hopefully aid their careers. It would be fantastic if it inspired them to consider a future in engineering. Congratulations to KMF for devising and driving forward this pro-active project."

The Young Engineer of the Year competition is aimed at Year 10 'design and technology' students, with up to 24 representing each school. They must design and build a vehicle to perform at a race day in July at a major motor racing circuit.

The initiative (www.kmf-young-engineers.co.uk) is undertaken in association with Greenpower and the National Apprenticeship Service. It is also supported by North Staffordshire Chamber of Commerce and HSBC.