

# Students benefit from Amada laser



Engineering students at City of Wolverhampton College are honing their skills on the latest machinery thanks to the generosity of two manufacturing companies. The companies – machine tool manufacturer Amada UK Ltd and precision sheet metal manufacturer KMF – contributed to the cost of an Amada Quattro laser cutter for the engineering department at the college's Paget Road campus.

The computer-programmable machine is able to cut a range of materials that include stainless steel, aluminium, carbon steel, and many others. It can be used in large-scale industrial fabrication as well as in the production of smaller, bespoke items such as signage, jewellery and marketing products.

The new machine is enabling students to progress from using traditional sheet metal and fabrication methods, and develop



their skills on modern equipment, which will enable them to enter more specialised careers in the fabrication industry.

Georgina Parker, director of employment skills and commercial delivery at the college, says: "With government

funding continuing to diminish, employer donations such as these can make a huge difference to the experience that the college can offer to local people. The laser cutter is a fantastic addition to the engineering department and

will help our students and apprentices to develop the skills that employers are seeking."

The college forged links with both Amada and KMF through its participation in the annual WorldSkills UK competition.

Simon Scott, area sales manager for Amada UK, says: "As a company we have always been very supportive of initiatives that encourage young people into engineering, which is why we are keen sponsors of the WorldSkills UK competitions. Through this we have worked closely with City of Wolverhampton College and are impressed with their desire to make the latest technology available to engineering apprentices. Donating the same type of Amada laser as we have supplied to many engineering companies will help better prepare their students for the workplace."

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