

Students win Best Project Award

Students from Stoke Studio College have achieved the top award of winning the 'Best Project' in the Midlands Go4SET competition out of 57 schools, at the Celebration and Assessment Day at the Ricoh Arena in Coventry on the 22nd June 2017. Our students have worked in a team of six over ten weeks on a 'Go4SET' project called the 'Station of the Future' with the support of a company mentor Tavare Harris from Network Rail. Go4SET connects students with employers to offer a ten-week science, technology, engineering and maths project in order to increase the numbers of students pursuing careers in science, engineering and technology. The Go4SET project was funded and supported by the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) and Laing O' Rourke and we are extremely grateful for their support and guidance, which made the project possible.

In the 'Station of the Future' project, our students planned, designed and created a model of Stoke-on-Trent Train station with the project strapline of 'a station of the future with a commitment to its history'. As part of their project design, the team focused on sustainability and environmental issues, they introduced a new development of a subterranean car park, gym and shopping centre and an additional tram network connecting the 6 towns of the Potteries.

As part of the competition, our students Laycie, Thai, Chloe, Stefan, Ryan and Mark also achieved the coveted status of 'Industrial Cadet' as Bronze level Industrial Cadets at the West Midlands 'Big Bang' event, which also took place at the Ricoh Arena in Coventry on Thursday 22nd June.



The Industrial Cadet accreditation was launched nationally by HRH The Prince of Wales in 2013 and has rapidly spread, now accrediting many schools/business linking projects. The objective of Industrial Cadets is to raise the aspirations of young people for their careers by giving them an insight into how businesses operate. This brings industry to life and equips them with the skills, information and opportunities to succeed in their future careers.

The support and guidance received throughout the entire project from Tavare Harris, from Network Rail was invaluable to the project and we would like to thank him for all of his help and support.

Mr Major, the teacher from Stoke Studio College who has worked with the team says, "It is enormously valuable for students to take part in a project like this which enables them to see how the subjects they are learning at school are relevant in real workplaces and contribute to solving real problems. The insight into the working world that they have gained early in their secondary school career will inspire them to aim high in their studies so they can enjoy fulfilling future careers. The Go4SET project is accredited by Industrial Cadets so the students have an award which shows future employers that they have been able to develop non-academic skills like team working, project management and presentation skills".

