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### James Fisher Nuclear Support Engineering Awareness Day

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2013

Yet again, attendance was high at the annual Engineering Awareness Day, organised by St Benedict's School, on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2013



Deputy Head, Mrs Lorraine Alfaro, said that "being able to host this highly prestigious event is a source of great pride for our school. By providing this type of first-hand information, advice and guidance to students at a crucial stage in their lives as they try to make important decisions about their future, we hope to help them focus on achieving their best at school and move towards an exciting career for their future."

The event was supported by nine staff members from James Fisher Nuclear Limited (JFN) who were there to provide detailed advice and literature to students, with the aim of encouraging them to think about the routes into an engineering career in the nuclear industry. As there was a hands-on element to the stand, it inspired students to take the controls of a robot.

The day was very successful from a JFN viewpoint, with over 70 pupils between Years 9 and 13 from the West Cumbrian area stopping for valuable insight into the world of engineering. Some pupils have contacted JFN after the event to enquire about placement opportunities, which demonstrates how well staff showed their knowledge of, and enthusiasm for, engineering.

Stewart Watkins, Egremont Operations Manager, "this is the eighth year in a row that we have taken part in this event and I was once again overwhelmed by how many of my team volunteered their time to contribute to deliver another successful event. For me, the value of this event goes beyond the key aim of sewing the seed that engineering is exciting, challenging and fun. It's also a great opportunity for us to

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show parents, other education providers and exhibitors, the breadth and diversity of capability that JFN offer as a company. Can't wait till next year"

Mandy Pattinson, the organiser, said it was "another successful event with new companies on board and pupils attending from as far as Keswick, Silloth and Millom. This annual event could not happen without the support and dedication of local companies and we would like to thank them all."





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