

Blackpool and the Fylde College

BLACKPOOL AND THE FYLDE COLLEGE
An Associate College of Lancaster University

Blackpool and the Fylde College is one of the leading colleges in the country with over 4,000 full time and 17,000 part time students studying at the college. Out of 215 general Further Education College inspection in the last four years the College ranks 4th in the country.

'The equipment at Blackpool and the Fylde College is fantastic and totally relevant to my role at Arvin. I think that it is great that a College can provide this type of flexible programme.'

(Arvin Meritor)



Blackpool and the Fylde College:

Develop aviation academy to complement automotive training



The School of Engineering and Computing at Blackpool and the Fylde College recently celebrated being awarded the title of Centre of Vocational Excellence by inviting guests to view its increasingly

expanding facilities for automotive and aviation training.

Principal Pauline Waterhouse says; "We are delighted that the high quality education and training we make for students and employers in these occupational areas has been acknowledged in this way by the Government." Facilities at the College now include a motorsport racing car with which the college competes, a rolling road and a Piper Cherokee aeroplane.



Blackpool and the Fylde College & Leyland Truck Case Study

Leyland Trucks Ltd is one of Britain's leading manufacturing companies dating back to 1896. Today Leyland trucks operates from one of Europe's most advanced truck assembly facilities, manufacturing 17,000 trucks a year.

In 2007 there were concerns that a mixture of fewer school-leavers taking-up engineering as a profession and an increase in the number of highly-qualified employees reaching retirement age could result in a shortage of professional engineers.

In order to prevent this shortfall, Blackpool and The Fylde College teamed up with Leyland Trucks and developed two imaginative new learning programmes.

The first programme is a two year Trainee Design Engineering Programme. Seven employees from all areas of the company have been successful. Each is now learning the fundamentals of engineering design and development through both on and off the job training. On successful completion each will have a job as a design engineer as well as gaining a further qualification potentially leading to a Bachelor of Engineering degree.

The second learning programme at the College is the new Foundation Degree in Automotive Manufacturing. This has been established and accredited by Lancaster University. It is the equivalent to an HND and can take the place of the first two years of a BEng degree. Fourteen employees have

signed-up for the course and will undertake three years of part-time study. These programmes aim to increase the number of qualified engineers and improve the future of manufacturing.



Above Jason Mistry and Paul Sussams both on The Trainee Design Engineer Programme

'I'm delighted that we've been able to work closely with local colleges to develop courses that meet our business needs and help our employees advance themselves and improve their lives.' (Leyland Trucks)

'These programmes are a real testament to the ethos of Foundation Degree development. Colleges working in true partnership with industry leaders.' (Adrian Bamber Curriculum Manager within the School of Engineering at Blackpool and The Fylde College.)

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