

Dear Student and Parents/Guardians,

Year in Industry 2012-13

I am sure that you are only too aware of the need for students to give themselves the edge in the current labour market and in particular to demonstrate employability skills. One way of doing this is to participate in the Year in Industry Scheme.

If you are fortunate enough to be taken onto this scheme then you will have the opportunity to work in one of the following fields;

- Any discipline within Engineering e.g. Civil, Computer, Electrical and Mechanical and, possibly, Aerospace, Biomedical, Chemical, and Industrial/Manufacturing. Within these disciplines there are also the Design, Projects, Quality and Production part of the process.
- Information Technology
- Finance
- Sales / Purchasing
- Marketing

Typically, students can earn approximately £11,000 to £17,000, dependent upon age, experience and company salary structure

Individual placements are highly diverse. They might involve: carrying out research; designing prototypes; planning projects; handling customer queries; or devising networking methods. The scheme only involves companies who can guarantee work with senior staff on projects addressing real business issues. Many companies use the scheme to select graduate recruits. Around a quarter of students are sponsored through university and even more are guaranteed holiday work. Some students are even offered full time employment.

Many universities actively endorse the Year in Industry programme and recognise how it helps pre-university students develop both intellectually and emotionally.

Most placements start in August/September and finish in July/August of the following year but this can vary. Nine month placements are also available if you'd like to fit more in on your year off. The new YINI Combo combines a 9/10 month placement with travel abroad with BUNAC, Coral Cay Conservation, Raleigh International or Projects Abroad. Students start work in August/September and finish in May/June before starting their travel.

If you would like to hear more about this excellent scheme then make sure you don't miss the presentation by Denis Evans on **Tuesday 21st Feb from 12.30 in the hall** or **Wednesday 22nd Feb from 6.00pm** (as part of the Progression Evening for Year 1 students). Denis will be accompanied by current YINI students and therefore you will have the opportunity to hear about the experience from the students' perspective. Year 2 students can register now online at http://www.etrust.org.uk/year_in_industry.cfm.

Please note that there is a one off registration fee of £25. (Engineering Education Scheme participants and anyone who has taken a Headstart course are exempt from this charge).

There will be a recruitment day at Nottingham University at the end of February where 20 companies will be present, including National Grid and Rolls Royce. Other smaller scale recruitment sessions will be held in various localities.

The companies in our area that currently take students are Mahle, Ingimex and GKN – which are all in Telford. A more comprehensive list of placements is available on the website.

If you would like further information please do not hesitate to contact me or Tony Pyle, Head of Electronics.

Yours sincerely

Martin Ward ~ Principal