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Snap-on Industrial adds Solihull College's motor vehicle and construction facility to its Excellence in Education programme

Kettering based, Snap-on Industrial, global innovator, manufacturer and marketer of tools has added Solihull College to the 200 plus colleges in its Excellence in Education programme. The partnership will see students supplied with top of the range tools ahead of the opening of its £8.5 million motor vehicle and construction facility.

The new facility, which opened in September 2013 houses twelve new workshops in the new state-of-the-art engineering and construction development to add to the current engineering and aeronautical facilities. Motor Vehicle, MOT testing and Motorcycle Engineering also feature as part of the new provision. Construction also has new dedicated workshops for decorating, brickwork and plastering.

Woodlands can accommodate up to 1000 students, 375 of which are construction and engineering. The campus offers a range of diplomas and apprenticeships in Construction and Engineering, courses also include Bricklaying, Carpentry and Joinery, Plastering, Manufacturing Engineering, Aeronautical Engineering and Motor Vehicle Engineering.

Snap-on Industrial is engaging with the College through its Excellence in Education programme, providing the College with the best tools and workshop equipment available in the market, ensuring that anyone training with the College is using industry recognised tooling. The College has invested in a wide range of tooling and equipment, with the new workshops boasting over 40 student and lecturer tool kits, both 2 post and scissor lifts, tyre changers and wheel balancers as well as a full ATL MOT bay. In addition, both Snap-on's Verus and Verdict diagnostic equipment has been selected, offering the latest handheld technology to help technicians pinpoint and diagnose faults across an ever increasing diversity of modern and older vehicles. Snap-on Industrial's Excellence in Education programme offers expert tuition and guidance not only in the selection of the right workshop equipment but also to ensure their safe and effective use.

Commenting on why the College has partnered with Snap-on Industrial, Andy Hatchwell, Senior Director at Woodlands said, "In essence the College wanted to partner with a globally recognised, reputable brand who would mirror the College's aspirations for Motor Mechanics and Motor Sport given the significant investment the College has made into the new Woodlands, state of the art Motor Workshop development."

Bill Glover, Regional Sales Manager at Snap-on Industrial said, "The new facility at Woodlands is fantastic and offers both students and the private sector wanting to update their understanding and skills the opportunity to do so in modern facilities, using superb equipment that mirrors what is

commonly used within the commercial sector. This new facility is probably the best Motor Vehicle facility in the Midlands and certainly ranks among the very best in the UK.”

“Vocational training provides tomorrow’s engineers and technicians. Many apprentices or those who have been through vocational training end up in senior positions within industry, for example John Whitehead, BAE Systems Group Managing Director for Programmes and Support started his career as an apprentice, as did Ross Brawn of Formula1, John Bloor who has re-built Triumph Motor cycles into a worldwide operation and British former Formula One racing driver, Sir Jackie Stewart. I am sure we’ll see some stars of tomorrow come out of Solihull College’s excellent courses.”

Andy Hatchwell concluded “We are delighted to be working with such a well-known company with unrivalled expertise. Our students will be benefiting from world leading tools and state of the art equipment; this partnership will help to solidify the College’s commitment to the motor vehicle industry.”

Snap-on Industrial Excellence In Education programme has engaged with over 200 establishments involved in apprentice and vocational training, including companies such as British Airways, Honda, Babcock, Ferrari and Rolls-Royce in addition to leading colleges including, Buxton and Leek, Somerset College, The Manchester College, as well as Neath & Port Talbot, Motherwell, North Hertfordshire and Tresham College.

To find out more about construction and engineering courses offered at Solihull College please visit www.solihull.ac.uk or call 0121 678 7000.

For more information on Snap-on Industrial’s Excellence in Education programme please visit <http://www1.snapon.com/25547.nws>

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Snap-on Industrial offers a range of programmes that benefit the professional user. The company is a leader in tool control systems for the prevention of Foreign Object Damage (FOD) and Foreign Material Exclusion (FME), with Level 5 ATC fully Automated Tool Control and Networkable Asset Management (NTC). In addition, Snap-on Industrial’s TC Max provides a comprehensive audit trail and management control structure to asset management, providing a broader and deeper knowledge about an organisation’s inventory usage and the operatives using them.

Additional programmes include Excellence in Education supporting apprenticeships and workplace training, Tools @ Height safety system which enables the safe tethering of virtually any hand or

power tool from the company's portfolio without compromising functional or ergonomic performance.

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