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Growing the hydraulic engineers of the future

More than 50 years since Cambridgeshire-based hydraulic measurement and control company, Webtec was founded, and nearly three years since Webtec's founder Roy Cuthbert's death, Webtec hasn't forgotten that a company is only as good as its people and, to find the next generation of Engineers, Webtec continues to sponsor Arkwright scholars each year in his name.

Martin Cuthbert, Webtec's Managing Director, said, "Roy's passion was for engineering and *making things*, while Arkwright Scholars are budding 16-18 year olds, fascinated with STEM subjects. Through sponsoring an Arkwright scholar Webtec has been privileged to introduce a new student every year to the world of hydraulics and hopefully, through their work experience in our factory, we have provided an insight into the exciting possibilities a career in manufacturing can offer. We also feel this is an excellent way to honour the legacy of our Founder, Roy Cuthbert, each year".

In the last three years, three Arkwright scholars have gained hands-on engineering experience in Webtec's world-class manufacturing facility in St Ives, Cambridgeshire, the most recent, Joe Morton was awarded his scholarship at a prestigious award ceremony in London, last November.

Previous Arkwright scholars like Theo have helped design new manufacturing fixtures for Webec's range of stainless steel hydraulic control valves, while Max, another Arkwright scholar, cited his work experience at Webtec as being very beneficial in his degree, "I have found that my time at Webtec has given me a great advantage so far at Imperial College, especially the skills I gained in 3D modelling using Solidworks and reading engineering drawings".

Named after Sir Richard Arkwright – a prominent engineer and entrepreneur during the Industrial Revolution – the Arkwright Engineering Scholarships (<u>www.arkwright.org.uk</u>) celebrate their 25th anniversary this year. They cover the whole UK and are awarded to the most promising students after a rigorous selection process comprising: detailed project-focussed application form; teacher's reference; two-hour engineering problem-solving aptitude exam; an interview hosted at a top university; careful matching to the needs of a sponsoring company.

For further information on Webtec, or to request a work placement, go to www.webtec.com

About Webtec

Webtec is a hydraulic measurement and control company that designs, manufactures and distributes a worldclass range of hydraulic components and hydraulic test equipment for the mobile and industrial machinery markets. Webtec has over 50 years' experience in the fluid power industry and specialises in high-pressure control valves and flow measurement. The company, whose headquarters are based in St Ives, Cambridgeshire, UK is privately owned and employs around 50 people in the UK, France, HK and North America.

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