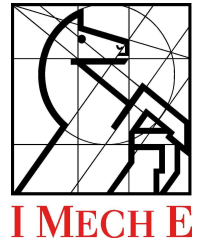


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Cheshire Students 'Use Their Loaves' to win Warburton's Challenge

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A group of students from Altrincham Grammar School in Cheshire are celebrating today after winning a top technology challenge in Manchester to design and build the first machine to turn out loaves from a tin without breaking the bread.

Four students from the school, all studying A' Levels in design and technology, entered the event as part of the week-long Technology Challenge held at Manchester University last week (26-30 June). They staved off stiff competition from other schools across the Greater Manchester and South Lancashire area to win. Geoff Swanton technology teacher at the Grammar school said: "The whole school is chuffed that the boys have won this project. In producing the winning prototype they had to use a whole host of design, engineering and technology skills but it also gave them a real opportunity to find out what being an engineer is all about - winning was a bonus."

Educational charity SETPOINT Greater Manchester in partnership with Warburton's, the Institution of Engineering Technology (IET) and the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE) organised the activities. Andrew Medd, Chairman of IMechE North Western Region, said: "This has been a fantastic project for us to have been involved in. It was certainly inspirational and gave students hands-on experience of solving real-life engineering problems."

Charlotte Thorley, Project Co-ordinator at SETPOINT, added: "We are delighted with the success of the 'Challenge' which is now in its third year. We are all about encouraging and supporting the young engineers and scientists of tomorrow and this event did just that. We saw some amazing young talent out there – so watch out!"

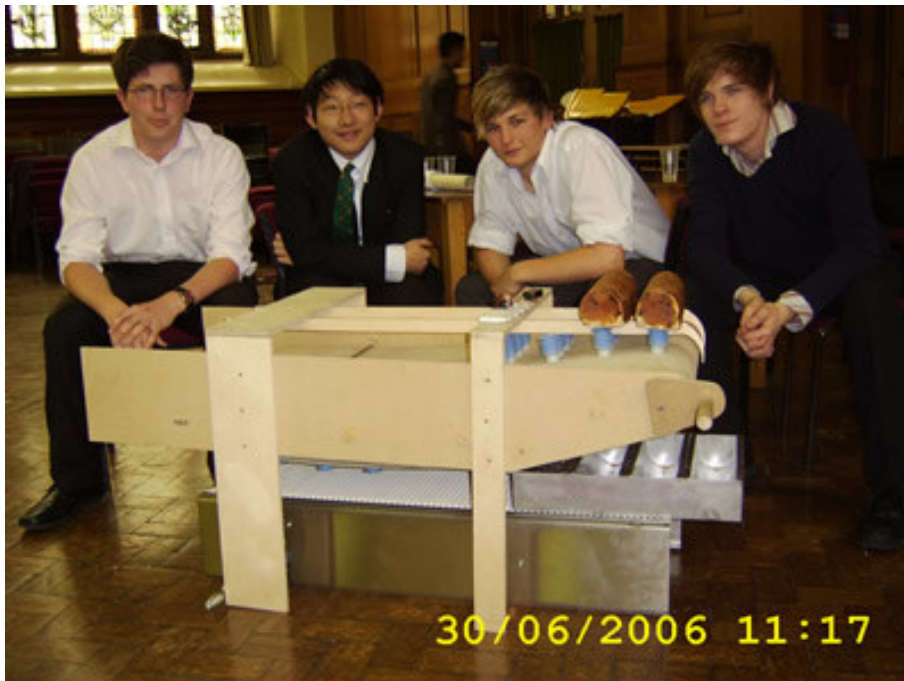
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Ian Price, Centre Engineering Manager, at Warburtons in Bolton said: "The students did very well. We set them a tough challenge and they rose to it. We were very pleased to be able to welcome the students to the bakery and present them with a live challenge and we wish them all the best in their future careers."

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Notes to Editors

- The Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE) has over 75,000 members in 120 countries. It represents mechanical engineers involved in a diversity of fields such as the automotive, rail, aerospace, medical, power and construction industries to name a few. There are currently 5,500 mechanical engineers in the North Western Region which won IMechE Region/Branch of the Year in May. For more information or details of the winners please visit www.imeche.org.uk
- SETPOINT Greater Manchester is an educational charity that works together with its local communities and partnership organisations to deliver and promote a wide range of STEM-related activities, challenges and clubs. STEM is Science Technology Engineering and Maths. Visit www.setpointgreatermanchester.org
- Warburtons is the UK's leading independent baker and was established in a grocery shop in Bolton in 1876 by Thomas and Ellen Warburton. Today the business is actively run by the fifth generation of the Warburton family - Brett, Jonathan and Ross. It is one of the UK's Top 5 grocery brands, with 11 bakeries around the UK producing over two million loaves, rolls and crumpets every day. The company serves customers from Inverness in the North to Staines in the South. For more information visit www.warburtons.co.uk



(Pic 1: Warburton's Challenge Winners left to right Harry Kay, Jiavan Lo, Max Jones, Jonathan Willatt of Altrincham Grammar School, Manchester)