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Tameside College win GMCG Engineering competition

It was a day of celebration for Tameside College as they were voted overall winners of the Manchester Colleges Group (GMCG) Engineering Competition, which they hosted in their purpose built Advanced Technologies Centre.

The GMCG skills competitions, which are designed to put worldwide skills in the spotlight such as food, engineering, construction and hair & beauty are organised annually to give the young people in Greater Manchester chance to compete for top awards against other colleges. Colleges who competed in the engineering competition included: Bolton, Bury, Hopwood Hall, Manchester, Oldham, Salford, Trafford and Wigan & Leigh, along with hosts, Tameside College.

Tameside College students won a number of awards on the day, including: level 3 electronic engineering, level 2 welding, level 2 computer aided design and level 3 computer aided design.

The competition was held in Tameside College's new Advanced Technologies Centre, which opened its doors to students in September last year. The new centre is key to the college's plan to develop apprenticeships and higher education in science, technology, engineering

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and maths (STEM) and completes the first phase of Tameside College's 'Vision Tameside' redevelopment project.

The new build will officially be opened on Friday 19th May with Brian Holliday, Managing Director of Siemens Digital Factory performing the official opening duties as guest of honour.

Peter Redfern, curriculum leader of engineering at Tameside College, said: "The GMCG skills competition is a great experience for students in the area. It gives them experience of working under pressure to tight deadlines, team building and how to effectively communicate their ideas to get tasks done, which is what they will have to do in industry. This is also a great opportunity to showcase Tameside College's fantastic new Advanced Technologies Centre. It has been a pleasure hosting the competition and we hope everyone enjoyed the day."

Afzal Muhammad, a level 3 engineering student from Bolton College, said: "We've really enjoyed taking part in this year's engineering competition in Tameside College's new Advanced Technologies Centre. It's a really sophisticated and modern new build and sets the bar high in terms of high tech facilities. I've really enjoyed taking part in the competition and had the opportunity to enhance my knowledge and skills working with students from other colleges."

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For more information on the engineering courses offered at Tameside College's new
Advanced Technologies Centre, please call: 0161 908 6789 or visit www.tameside.ac.uk.

Winners for each category:

Level 2 Electronic Engineering: Kyle Entwistle- Bolton College

Level 3 Electronic Engineering: James Hynes- Tameside College

Level 2 Turning: Bradley Eyres- Trafford College

Level 2 Welding: Vashane Manroe- Tameside College

Level 2 Computer Aided Design: Alex Parker- Tameside College

Level 3 CAD: Michael Barratt- Tameside College

Maths: Team 2- Kinsar Nasar from Manchester College and Mohammed Taha from
Manchester College

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