

Dear Parent

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The Women into Manufacturing and Engineering programme (WiME) is a Humber based programme led by industry to drive positive change in terms of gender balance in the workplace. Women make up less than 10% of the UK engineering workforce and this is a sector with a significant skills gap. Our aim is to challenge the stereotypes that drive this and inspire girls to consider careers in these industries. If you'd like to know more about WiME please view our videos via this link.

<https://greenporthull.co.uk/jobs-training/women-into-manufacturing-and-engineering/video-resources>

We find that the girls who take part in our events really benefit from hearing first hand from the women who are already working in these industries. I therefore have great pleasure in announcing that we are taking WiME online so that we can continue to provide this inspiration during these challenging times. We will be hosting a series of 4 live events – **4th, 11th, 18th and 25th November from 17:00 to 18:30**. Each one will be unique and contain input from different companies and organisations.

We are inviting female students from all schools, colleges and Universities in the Humber to take part. The content is targetted at Years 10 and above. I recognise that schools have a packed agenda and therefore we have chosen to hold the events out of school hours. I've also recorded a short video to give you and your daughter an insight into WiME and what to expect from the online event.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xCICcC6Awsc&feature=youtu.be>

We have confirmation that ladies from 16 different companies and organisations including Orsted, ABP, Phillips 66, Sauce, The Army (170 Engineer Group), Ansell, Siemens Mobility, Siemens Gamesa and Laing O'Rourke will be taking part which is great news as this group of businesses help to drive significant growth in the Humber. This event is a wonderful opportunity for you and your daughter to find out more about the amazing roles that these companies offer.

As I mentioned in the above video, there will be the opportunity for you to hear first hand from these ladies and also to ask them questions. We will be using the Zoom platform to host the event and it has been set up so that the presenters will be visible but the audience will not. All participants will be encouraged to ask questions using the on-line chat facility. It would be fabulous if you could join us and if there are other family members in your household please invite them to join in.

If you would like to book a place on the online event please follow the link below. Places are limited so an early booking is advised. Everyone who books a place will be sent more information on all the companies attending the events plus further information about WiME.

<https://greenporthull.co.uk/events/wime-careers-event>

Kindest regards

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Chair of WiME

