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Press Information

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Aspiring young engineers to showcase innovative design solutions

Aspiring young engineers from schools in Derbyshire, Staffordshire and Flintshire will demonstrate their innovative solutions to engineering challenges at a showcase event.

Pupils from John Port School, Etwall, Littleover Community School, Littleover, and Flint High School, Flintshire will reveal their engineering solutions to the management of Toyota's Burnaston plant on Thursday 15 July at 11:00 am.

The event highlights Toyota's continued support of the Young Engineers' Club, a national programme designed to encourage students' interest in the engineering and technology sectors.

As part of this initiative, Toyota engineers visited local schools every week for one year to work alongside pupils and teachers on a variety of engineering challenges.

Throughout the year, pupils have been encouraged to research, plan, design, test and evaluate a range of solutions to challenges which have included: producing display model engines, making small automated guided vehicles, producing night lights and looking at different types of robots.

The event will provide pupils with the opportunity to demonstrate their new found engineering skills and confidence, whilst allowing the company to recognise their achievement and the contribution of the engineers on the programme.

Karen Blount, Manager Communication & External Affairs, Toyota Manufacturing UK said: "We are committed to supporting education within our local communities and promoting engineering careers. The Young Engineers' Club allows us to work closely with local schools and we look forward to seeing the results of pupils' efforts."

Toyota has supported the Young Engineers' Club since 2000. The programme includes over 1,200 clubs in schools and colleges across the United Kingdom. Its principal aim is to inspire young people to recognise the importance and excitement of a future career in engineering.

For more information please contact Helen Hydes or Julie Langley at Toyota Manufacturing UK on 01332 283666, or email helen.hydes@toyotauk.com.

Photo opportunity:

Time: 11.10 am Thursday 15th July

Location: Toyota Motor Manufacturing (UK) Ltd, Burnaston, Derbyshire

Please contact Julie Langley on **01332 283666** to confirm attendance in advance

Toyota Manufacturing UK

Toyota Manufacturing UK (TMUK) produces Avensis and Auris models at its vehicle manufacturing plant at Burnaston, Derbyshire, and petrol engines at its engine manufacturing plant at Deeside, North Wales. In 2009, TMUK produced 127,390 vehicles and 130,247 fully assembled engines. To date Toyota has invested over £1.85 billion into its UK manufacturing operations and currently employs over 3,900 members.