

## Institute of Sheet Metal Engineering Sheet Metal Skills Competition Report

Thursday 12th June 2014

## Held At Morgan Motor Company Pickersleigh Rd, Great Malvern, Malvern, Worcestershire WR14 2LL

With Thanks to Morgan Motor Company especially Steve Morris MD and Angela Hymas and the helpful staff, the event was a great success at the Malvern Plant that promote UK Engineering hand working skills to the highest level.

This year's event bought in 15 apprentice competitors from around the UK showing that Sheet Metal Engineers are needed for the future to make all our metal commodities whether aerospace, ship building, automotive, catering or retail sectors.

With pressure being applied at Colleges to tick all the boxes on performance and companies with good order books our numbers were down this year, however we had a good mix of;

- Wall vents
- Ducting both year 2 & 3
- Open class exhibits.

We must praise the skills of the Apprentices for their workmanship and quality. Dimensional accuracy of the test pieces this year were to a very high standard. The Open Class entries as normal gave the Judges a challenge to identify skills and originality.

ISME also judge their written technical document that accompanies the component they have made. We believe that the written word is an essential part in the planning of how they go about producing their exhibit.

Like all events in today's environment we are indebted to our event sponsors;

- Morgan Motor Company
- Institution of Mechanical Engineers (ImechE)
- Sertec Group holdings
- Confederation of British Metalforming (CBM)
- AP&T Group

- Radshape
- Bauromat
- Babcock Marine

Without their support there would not be a competition.

## THIS YEARS WINNERS

As previously mentioned the ISME judges thought the quality standard was exceptionally high with the following awards given;

ISME Test Piece winner Wall Vent	Macauley Galvin	Sertec
ISME Test Piece Winner Ducting Year 2-3	Michael Cornew	Babcock
ISME Test Piece Written Ted Rosmarin Award	Macauley Galvin	Sertec
John Davies Award Open Class winner	Ryan Acres	Babcock
ISME Originality Open Class Award	Fay Jackson	Babcock
ISME Originality Open Class Award	Daniel James	Morgan
Open Class Written Award	lian Docherty	Babcock
ISME Trophy Overall Winner	Ryan Acres	Babcock

We were privileged to have Mark Leddington Global Sales Director Morgan Motors to welcome the competitors along with the ISME President Alan Shaw. Also present was Steve Dowling Chair of Worcester Area IMechE.

Steve Morris, John Butler Chairman of the Midlands Division Institution of Mechanical Engineers, Dave Vaughan World Skills UK presented the awards along with the ISME President.

Thanks must go to the College and Company trainers for the time effort and support they give to the students and apprentices. Without their commitment there would not be a competition. This also applies to the support of the ISME judges who provide their time free of charge.

We are currently planning to hold the 2015 event again in June which appears to be better for the College time table hoping we will have more participants.

If you are interested in the next competition please contact;

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