



North Worcestershire Engineering Centre of Excellence

A dedicated facility for providing engineering skills

Summary

The new Engineering Centre of Excellence, run by specialist training provider Midland Group Training Services (MGTS), will provide a dedicated facility to ensure that young people within the area can be trained with the engineering skills that local companies require.

The Background

- The new £1.5m facility includes new CNC machinery and manufacturing equipment.
- The centre has been set up to deliver advanced manufacturing education, training and assessment at Levels 3 and 4, with an emphasis on advanced CNC and automation.
- MGTS, as a registered educational charity, has invested £800,000 in the centre to deliver apprenticeships and engineer development programmes, which is set to train up to 200 young apprentices over the next 4 years.

Key facts

LEP: Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership

Location: Redditch

Project completion: March 2017

LGF funding: £350,000

Estimated potential outputs: 64 apprenticeships created



The Benefits

- The new specialist engineering facility is training up to 200 apprentices in its first 4 years.
- **Gary Woodman, Chief Executive of Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership** said: “We have part funded the modern training facility to provide the relevant STEM based skills for the long-term development of our local workforce.”