



Castle College Highfields automotive and engineering training centre is officially opened

On Wednesday 25 June, 2008, His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent KG KCVO officially opened the new £14 million Castle College Highfields Automotive & Engineering Training Centre and Toyota Academy.

The new purpose-built Centre will deliver a range of training programmes, based on Toyota's world class best practice, for Castle College students, 14–16 year olds in partnership with local schools, post –16 trainees as part of the Toyota Technical Education Programme (T-TEP)1. Up to 600 students and apprentices will use the Centre each year.

The Centre has been funded by a regional project partnership including East Midlands Development Agency (emda), Learning and Skills Council Nottinghamshire (LSC) and Nottingham City Council with support from Castle College.

This innovative collaboration between industry and education will fill a sector skills gap that was identified by Toyota, Castle College and the project partners all of whom recognised the importance of the Centre in helping to further develop the region's automotive retail, manufacturing and engineering sector base.

LJ Create are working in partnership with Castle College and we have supplied a range of automotive and engineering training systems for use within the new centre.

These resources include:

- Our new Engineering eContent packages
- Autolab and Digiacc AEP
- D3000 Electronics.



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Students from the Toyota Academy demonstrated some of the LJ Create digital content to His Royal Highness during his visit.

The Centre will cater for school, college and HE students from the East Midlands area training for careers in the automotive and engineering industry. Students aged from 14 to 16 years old may spend one day a week at the Centre whilst full time college students will access the specialist facilities as part of automotive, engineering and auto-sport options. They will also be using the LJ Create ClassCampus VLE to deliver engineering and automotive learning and assessment materials to local schools within the consortium. This will enable collaborative learning and allow students to continue their engineering studies away from the Highfields Centre.