

## **Wadebridge School**

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to let you know about a fantastic opportunity available to Year 10 students who are interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) subjects at school and who may be considering a career in this area.

STEM is one of the fastest growing employment sectors in the country and an estimated 1 in 4 jobs in the UK is directly related to science and technology. Students with a strong background in STEM are more likely to gain employment than their peers and more likely to earn higher salaries during their careers than those without such skills.

The Engineering Development Trust (EDT) is a national charity dedicated to providing experiences to students across the UK, helping them to gain valuable insight into the many and varied careers that are available within the STEM sector.

## **Routes into STEM:**

The EDT offer an opportunity for students in Year 10 to attend a three day course during the February and May half term holidays called Routes into STEM. The course aims to explore different apprenticeships and university courses, giving students the opportunity to understand the fantastic career opportunities available and compare different routes into STEM. Details about this opportunity can be found here:

http://www.etrust.org.uk/routesintostem

There is a £120 cost for this course, of which £24 is returned on successful completion of all the required elements of the course. It is important to note that this not a residential course, so you would need to make your own arrangements for your child to attend each day of the course. The EDT can offer bursaries to students for whom this cost might be a barrier.

Applications for the February and May half term courses open in December so keep checking the website to download the application form when it is available.

If you have any questions about this opportunity which are not answered by the EDT website above please feel free to get in touch: <a href="mailto:dchapman@wadebridge.cornwall.sch.uk">dchapman@wadebridge.cornwall.sch.uk</a>

Yours sincerely

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