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The engineering team at Bournemouth & Poole College are celebrating after achieving two industry accreditations. Following a visit from a panel of industry experts from the [Institution of Engineering Designers \(IED\)](#), which involved speaking to lecturers and current students, the College received the IED's accreditation, which can be awarded to colleges and universities which run higher education courses to train professional engineers.

As part of the review process, the IED also carried out a thorough assessment of the engineering department's course documents, assessment procedures and teaching facilities. In the accreditation visit report, the institution praised the 'enthusiastic' staff and 'switched on, highly motivated' students, who 'spoke very highly of the staff and the courses offered' and show 'a keen attitude to help with the development of the programmes'. The IED went on to highlight the 'excellent workshop facilities' and the 'excellent links with employers and excellent input from local employers to make the courses relevant and up-to-date'.

Bournemouth & Poole College also received the seal of approval from the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE) for the range of engineering courses it offers to students. The accreditation visit report noted that the facilities at Bournemouth & Poole College were 'well equipped and provided a range of opportunities for the students to work on the necessary practical skills for their courses.' The IMechE also commended the 'exceptional enthusiasm and dedication' of the engineering department's staff, which was noted by the team's College colleagues.

Matthew White, HE Engineering Framework Leader at Bournemouth & Poole College, said: "We are exceptionally proud to have received the accreditations from the IED and IMechE, which have recognised the level of hard work we put into offering our students the most valuable experience and education during their time at the College. It is great to hear that both the IED and IMechE recognised the quality of teaching and the fact that we provide the students with the most recent, industry-relevant skills."

Bournemouth & Poole College offers a range of courses in engineering including marine technologies, mechanical design, manufacturing management and electronic design. All courses have a high level of practical training to enable students to gain hands-on experience, while the workshops are equipped with industry standard machinery. The College also boasts links with many local engineering companies, which enables a host of opportunities for aspiring engineers to progress into their chosen career.

For more information about the range of engineering courses available at Bournemouth & Poole College, go to [thecollege.co.uk](https://www.thecollege.co.uk) or call 01202 205205.