

# Bournemouth & Poole College

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## BBC Radio Solent

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## The Cobham classroom event

The [Cobham](#) sponsored classroom was officially opened at a ceremony in the Bournemouth & Poole College STEM centre. The classroom, which includes motivational graphics and illuminated cabinets containing examples of Cobham's pioneering technology, will be used to inspire the next generation of engineering apprentices studying the company's award-winning apprenticeship programme.

Cobham's [apprenticeship](#) programme provides apprentices with the opportunity to work on real life engineering projects for market-leading technologies across the sea, land, air and space domains.

The newly refurbished classroom, which will be used to teach Cobham apprentices, was opened after a short ceremony and ribbon-cutting by the chairman of Dorset's Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), Gordon Page CBE DL.

Looking around the classroom, 2nd Year Cobham Apprentice Dan Leigh said "seeing the technology in the cabinets is fascinating because you know it's real and has actually been built by Cobham engineers! It makes me realise that I could go on to help design and create similar pieces in future, which is really inspirational. I'm looking forward to studying in the new classroom and who knows - one day it may be my technology in the cabinets!"

Pauline Howell, SVP Organisational Design and Talent Development at Cobham plc, said "Cobham has a long history of working with academic institutions to motivate young minds. Sponsoring the classroom at [Bournemouth & Poole College](#), and inspiring the students whilst they study, is important because we recognise that they are the future of engineering. By inspiring them today we are securing ground-breaking technology for tomorrow."

"Every piece of technology in the cabinets was designed and created by Cobham engineers and shows the apprentices that they too could be part of ground-breaking engineering projects as part of our [apprenticeship](#) programme. We hope the classroom motivates them!"

Diane Grannell, College Principal said "Over the years we have worked together, Cobham has never been merely a customer, but has been a constant supporter, a critical friend and even an investor. Cobham takes its talent management very seriously and as such works actively with us to recruit and support their Apprentices. "

"I feel proud of this public demonstration of our relationship and hope that it highlights once again that Bournemouth & Poole College is committed to supporting the STEM agenda in Dorset."

Gordon Page, Chairman of Dorset's Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) added "I am absolutely delighted to be here today at the opening of the Cobham sponsored STEM classroom. We need a continuous supply of STEM minded youngsters to fuel our regional and national economic development and the opportunities in today's advanced research and manufacturing industry are fantastic."

"To the apprentices and students who have access to Cobham's apprenticeship programme, I say go for it; our advanced engineering and our Dorset companies will fully support you!"

For more information on Cobham plc's award-winning Apprenticeship Programme please visit [cobham.com/the-group/careers](https://cobham.com/the-group/careers).

#### Apprenticeships at Cobham

Cobham has a long and successful history of training successive generations of apprentices. Over the years, we've built a strong internal support network, which is coupled with good links to local schools and colleges. Cobham apprentices have picked up many awards over the years, including Brathay National Apprenticeship Challenge Team of the Year, three Higher National Certificate (HNC) Awards in Dorset and multiple EEF Regional and National Apprentices of the Year.

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