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Where can studying Engineering take you?

Highlighting the relevance of Engineering to future careers and opportunities



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Why Engineering matters

Have you ever considered where studying Engineering can take you?

Today, we'll be exploring some of the career opportunities that are available to you, as well as the various pathways you can take to get there.

What pathways can you take with this subject?

What do you think these roles involve (daily task, etc.)?

What careers can you think of that use Engineering?

Why is Engineering an important subject?

An example of why Engineering matters
- YouTube

What skills do you think you might need for these roles?



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Explore a career as a...

Here are some
example roles and
careers linked to

Engineering



Aerospace Engineer

BBC Bitesize case study

neon case study

neon case study



Biomedical Engineer

neon case study

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Robotics Engineer

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Marine Engineer

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Electrical Engineer

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Civil Engineer

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Discover more about the role

Explore careers using National Careers Service and find out about what jobs involve and how they are right for you

Includes:

- Average salary
- Typical hours
- Work patterns
- Pathways/How to become
- Essential Skills
- Daily tasks
- Career path and progression
- Current opportunities

Research Ideas:

- [Aerospace Engineer](#)
- [Biomedical/Clinical Engineer](#)
- [Robotics Engineer](#)
- [Marine Engineer](#)
- [Electrical Engineer](#)
- [Civil Engineer](#)

National Careers Service

We provide information, advice and guidance to help you make decisions on learning, training and work.

This service is available to people who live in England.

Skills assessment

Learn more about your skills and match them to potential new careers.

[Assess your skills](#)

Explore careers

Choose from over 800 career profiles to discover what each job involves.

[Search job profiles](#)

Find a course

Look for online learning opportunities and training courses local to you.

[Look for courses](#)

Careers advice

Making career choices

Whether starting your career, changing job or if you have been affected by COVID-19, understand and make the right choice for you.

Getting a job

Be successful in the recruitment process with tips on great CVs, interviews and graduate scheme applications.

Progressing your career

Move up in your career by developing new skills. Find opportunities like volunteering and online learning.

About us

The National Careers Service can help you with your career, learning and training choices. [Find out more](#) about the different ways we can support you.

Speak to a careers adviser

Wherever you are in your decision-making, you can call us on [0800 100 900](tel:0800100900) or [use webchat](#).

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Why not teach Engineering?

Start in the classroom, where you go from there is up to you. Bring your passion for your subject, keep learning, and pass your knowledge onto others

- No two days are the same – and neither are the pupils
- Once qualified you can teach throughout your life
- You could teach abroad
- Progress your career into leadership and management
- Bring your outside interests into the classroom and your subject

Why is STEM important?

- It boosts essential skills such as problem solving and curiosity
- It helps you see and understand the wider world around you
- It helps young people become future entrepreneurs

Explore teaching

The right skills to teach?

[Vjendra's Story](#)

[Every Lesson Shapes a Life](#)

[Love to keep learning?](#)

[Love to nurture imagination?](#)

[What makes a great teacher?](#)



GCSE

While there are different routes you can take to be a teacher there are a few essential things that you will need:

- A minimum GCSE Grade 4 or above in English and maths (plus science if you want to teach primary)
- A degree or equivalent qualification

A level

A levels are 2 years of study

T Level

T Levels are nationally recognised, technical qualifications for 16–19-year-olds. Designed by leading employers, one T Level is equivalent in size to 3 A levels

Vocational/Technical Qualification

These include BTEC, Applied General Qualifications (AGQ) and Vocational Technical Qualifications (VTQ) – all at Level 3

Apprenticeship

Apprenticeships are jobs which combine practical work and study. Intermediate is Level 2, Advanced is Level 3

Degree

Complete a degree course

It is possible to get QTS as part of an undergraduate degree, for example:

- Bachelor of Arts (BA) with QTS
- Bachelor of Education (BEd) with QTS
- Bachelor of Science (BSc) with QTS

Level 4/5 qualifications

Complete a L4/5 course and top up to a degree – L4/5 includes Certificate of HE, Diploma of HE, Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ), HNC, HND and Foundation degrees

Top up to a degree (Level 6) in a year of full-time study

Higher apprenticeships

Higher level apprenticeship (foundation degree / Level 5)

Degree apprenticeships

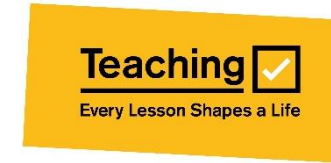
Degree apprenticeship (Level 6-7). There is a Level 6 Teaching apprenticeship programme

Initial Teacher Training (ITT) with qualified teacher status (QTS)

Teacher



Why not teach activity?



- Pick a topic in Engineering you think you would like to try and teach
- Agree your choice of topic with your teacher and the length of session (and with which group)
(It may be the perfect opportunity to try this with a younger class lower down the school, or as a transition activity for Y6)
- Plan a short activity to cover the topic in a way you feel will be engaging and memorable for your peers as part of a lesson starter, main activity or plenary

Consider:

- What are you trying to achieve (teach)? Be clear what information you intend to impart
- How will you make it fun? How will you make it 'stick'? How long will this take?
- What type of activity will you plan for? (written/practical)
- How will you know others have learned it?
- How will you make sure everyone is stretched and challenged?
- What will the end-product be?

Once you have checked it with your teacher, try the lesson with a small group (as agreed by your teacher)
Try and get feedback during and after the session from those in the lessons and from the teacher

After, consider:

- What you enjoyed about the experience
- Whether this is something, with training, you would enjoy
- How you felt when others learned from you



5 | Non-obvious jobs using Engineering: Ever thought about..?

➤ [How to become a Formula 1 Engineer: Amy's story](#)

➤ [How to become a Wing Designer: Zuzanna's story](#)

➤ [How to become an Apprentice Welder: Billy's story](#)

➤ [Careers ideas and information - Engineering](#)

Everyone Can Be Creative

➤ [Agricultural Engineer | Explore careers | National Careers Service](#)

➤ [Broadcast Engineer | Explore careers | National Careers Service](#)

➤ [CNC Machinist | Explore careers | National Careers Service](#)



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zhst2sg>



<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-careers>



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MYPATH Job of the week (Engineering)



Disaster Manager



Furniture Designer



Games Tester





Engineering careers in a changing world: How can I future-proof my career pathway?

The world will be changing drastically in the next few years to cope with the impacts of climate change and nature loss, and the need to lower greenhouse gas emissions and unsustainable practices. How might this steer your choice of career path using your Engineering skills?

Sustainability
means meeting our
own needs without
compromising the
ability of future
generations to
meet their own
needs.
(UN definition)





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Engineering careers in a changing world



Engineer (Lush)



Wind Turbine Engineer



Environmental Engineer



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A spotlight on Technicians using Engineering

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Discover here how the technical jobs related to Engineering keep industries moving and the real difference technicians make in our lives.

R007
Air Traffic
Controller

R008
Aircraft
Maintenanc
e
Technician

R012
Automation
Engineering
Technician

R014
Bike
Technician

R020
Bus
Engineering
Technician

R022
Civil
Engineering
Technician



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R025
Composites
Technician

R026
Compressed
Air and
Vacuum
Technician

R034
Telecommu
nications
Technician

R038
Electrical
Engineering
Technician

R040
Engineering
Construction
Pipefitter

R041
Engineering
Manufacturing
Technician



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R044
Security
System
Technician

R060
Lift and
Escalator
Technician

R063
Marine
Engineering
Technician

R059
Land-based
Engineering
Technician

R062
Maintenanc
e and
Operations
Engineering
Technician

R064
Mechanical
Fitting
Technician



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R066
Metrology
Technician

R069
Testing
Engineering
Technician

R072
Munitions
Explosives
Technician

R074
Plumbing
and Heating
Technician

R077
Propulsion
Technician

R079 Rail
Engineering
Technician



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R080
Refrigeration
Engineering
Technician

R081
ROV Pilot
Technician

R088
Space
Engineering
Technician

R100
Wind
Turbine
Technician

R005
Robotics
Technician

R006
CNC
Technician



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R021
Cardiology
Technician

R033
Dental
Technician

R047
Technician
Food
Maintenanc
e

R052
Healthcare
Engineering
Technician

R013
Battery
Technician

R046
Food
Packaging
Technician



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R055
Electrician

R067
Electric
Vehicle
Technician

R082 Science
Manufacturing
Technician

R061
Lighting
Technician

R078
Prosthetic
and Orthotic
Technician

R104
Solar Energy
Technician



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R050
Gaming
Audio
Technician

R091
Power
Networks
Technician

R102
Agricultural
Technician

R084
Smart Home
Technician

R099
Welding
Technician

R004
Design
Technician
(CAD)



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R018
Building
Systems
Technician

R030
Crop
Technician

R011
Architectural
Technician

R019
Building
Design
Technician

R002
Acoustics
Technician

R029
Creative
Venue
Technician



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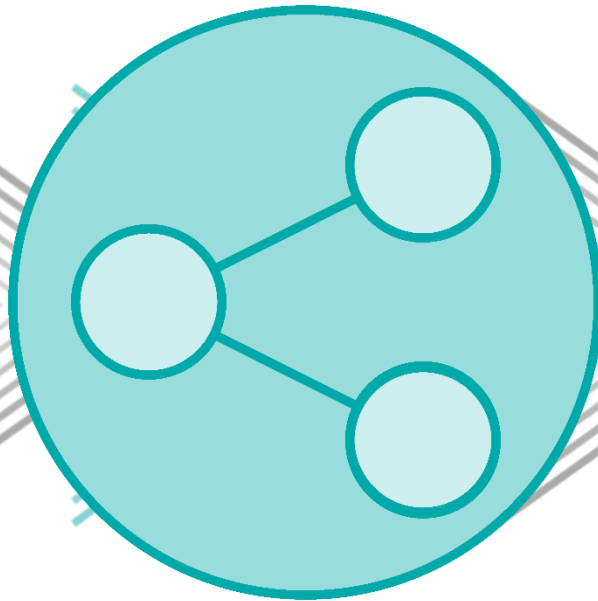


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7 | Engineering Pathways



Combine Study
and Work



Study



Work



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7 | Combine Study and Work

Apprenticeships

- Metrology Technician
- Food Industry Technician
- Acoustics Engineer
- Electronic Technical Support Engineer
- Mechanical Engineer
- Manufacturing: Building Services Design and Engineering
- Civil Engineer
- Environmental Engineer
- Railway Engineer
- Nuclear Technician

T Levels

[T Levels | National Careers Service](#)

[T Levels | Building Services Engineering for Construction](#)

[T Levels | Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction](#)

[T Levels | Digital Production, Design and Development](#)

[T Levels | Onsite Construction](#)

[T Levels | Science](#)

[T Levels | Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing](#)

[T Levels | Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing and Control](#)

[T Levels | Maintenance, Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing](#)

[T Levels | Agriculture, Land Management and Production](#)

VTQs

[Vocational Technical Qualifications \(VTQs\) | National Careers Service](#)

- Engineering Design and Technology
- Engineering Design
- Engineering
- Creative iMedia
- Digital Media



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7 | Study Pathways

HTQs (Higher Technical Qualifications)

Higher technical qualifications (HTQs) | National Careers Service

You might find courses in:

- General Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- Aeronautical Engineering
- Aircraft Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Building Services Engineering
- Mechatronics and Robotics
- Embedded Electronic Systems
- Mechanical Engineering
- Computing and DevOps Engineering
- Construction Management
- Product Design Engineering



A levels

A levels | National Careers Service

You might find courses in:

- Electronics
- Design and Technology
- Engineering

Higher education

Higher education | National Careers Service

You can explore undergraduate courses in Engineering

You might find courses in:

- Aerospace Engineering
- Agriculture and related Sciences
- Architecture, Building and Planning
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- Engineering and Technology
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Medicine and allied subjects
- Radiology and Medical Technology
- Software Engineering



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7 | Work Pathways

Supported internships with an education, health and care plan

[Supported internships](#) | [National Careers Service](#)

[Watch Saul's story](#)

You might read about:

- [Access to Work Funding](#) (if you have a disability or health condition)
- [Preparing for Adulthood](#)
- [Talking Futures](#) (A parents' toolkit for career conversations)

School leaver schemes

[School leaver schemes](#) | [National Careers Service](#)

You might read about:

- [How to fill in an application form](#)
- [How to write a CV](#)
- [Interview help](#)
- [Progressing your career](#) (Careers Advice from NCS)





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7 | University League Tables

See at a glance the university ranking for Engineering

[General Engineering Rankings \(thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk\)](https://thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk)

Filter by:

- Overall score
- Entry standards
- Student satisfaction
- Research quality
- Research intensity
- Graduate prospects





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Discover Uni

Have you ever
considered if higher
education is right
for you?

discoveruni@officeforstudents.org.uk

1. Go to <https://discoveruni.gov.uk/>

2. Search for a course or subject

(You should get a page of search results, you can filter these by university or college, whether you want to study full or part time or perhaps you want to see that courses are near you)

Once you have had a look at a few different courses and subjects now it is time to compare some side by side

3. Check out this video which shows you how to use our comparison tool <https://youtu.be/dBFzCQgTp8I> -
Pick 5 courses and add these as a saved course and then you can compare

4. Once you have your chosen five side by side, try to answer the following questions:

- a. What kinds of qualifications do students on the course have when they start the course?
- b. How many have a placement year?
- c. How many courses let you study abroad?
- d. Which has the highest student satisfaction rating? How do you know this?
- e. What kinds of job do graduates from this course go on to?
- f. Which course has the highest salary after three years? (higher/lower than national average)
- g. Choose your favourite course and explain why you chose this course over the others?



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Is the data I am looking at for a course or a subject?

- a. What year, or years, does the data relate to?
- b. How many students or graduates is this data based on?
- c. Does the data represent all the students on the course or subject area?
- d. Does the data include people like me?
- e. What factors might impact the data?



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In 10 years time...

Subject chosen (related to Engineering):

What GCSEs helped you get this job:

What KS5 Pathways choice did you make and what did you study:

Apprenticeship T level A Level other L3 equivalent

Post 18 pathways choices did you make: explain:

Study & Work

Study

Work

Essential skills used in the job:

Progression route:



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My local options...

Subject chosen (related to Engineering):

Local college options:

Local apprenticeships options:

Other options:

The pros and cons of these options for me:

Pros:

Cons:

Consider how these will apply and explain:

Cost _____

Travel _____

Convenience _____

Aspirations _____


Personal circumstances _____









Other _____

Final choice – justify:

Next steps:



3 |  Prepare a 3 - 5 minute talk to share with a small group on any role that interests you related to Engineering

-  What's the role
-  Where do you need to go to carry out the role
-  Where has the interest come from
-  What's the chances of getting this role
-  What do you need to do to become one
-  Who do you look up to in this role
-  Where can you go to study and what level of study
-  What might a typical day look like



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My career path....





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Essential Skills

Here are
three key
skills needed
for a career
that uses

Engineering



	Video	Skills Builder Resource KS3	Skills Builder Resource KS4	Skills Builder Resource Post 16
The use of imagination and the generation of new ideas	Watch here	Short Lesson Creativity Step 6-8	Short Lesson Creativity Step 8-10	Short Lesson Creativity Step 10-12
The ability to find a solution to a situation or challenge	Watch here	Short Lesson Problem Solving Step 6-8	Short Lesson Problem Solving Step 8-10	Short Lesson Problem Solving Step 10-12
Working cooperatively with others towards achieving a shared goal	Watch here	Short Lesson Teamwork Step 6-8	Short Lesson Teamwork Step 8-10	Short Lesson Teamwork Step 10-12



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	Creativity	Tick which apply
Step 6	I use creativity in the context of work	
Step 7	I use creativity in the context of my wider life	
Step 8	I develop ideas by using mind mapping	
Step 9	I develop ideas by asking myself questions	
Step 10	I develop ideas by considering different perspectives	
Step 11	I innovate effectively when working in a group	
Step 12	I innovate effectively by seeking out varied experiences and stimuli	

My Strength (s)

My area (s) of Development



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	Problem Solving	Tick which apply
Step 6	I explore complex problems by identifying when there are no simple technical solutions	
Step 7	I explore complex problems by building my understanding through research	
Step 8	I explore complex problems by analysing the causes and effects	
Step 9	I create solutions for complex problems by generating a range of options	
Step 10	I create solutions for complex problems by evaluating the positive and negative effects of a range of options	
Step 11	I analyse complex problems by logical reasoning	
Step 12	I analyse complex problems by creating and testing hypotheses	

My Strength (s)

My area (s) of Development



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	Teamwork	Tick which apply
Step 6	I contribute to group decision making	
Step 7	I contribute to group decision making, whilst recognising the value of others' ideas	
Step 8	I contribute to group decision making, encouraging others to contribute	
Step 9	I improve the team by not creating unhelpful conflicts	
Step 10	I improve the team by resolving unhelpful conflicts	
Step 11	I improve the team by building relationships beyond my immediate team	
Step 12	I influence the team by reflecting on progress and suggesting improvements	

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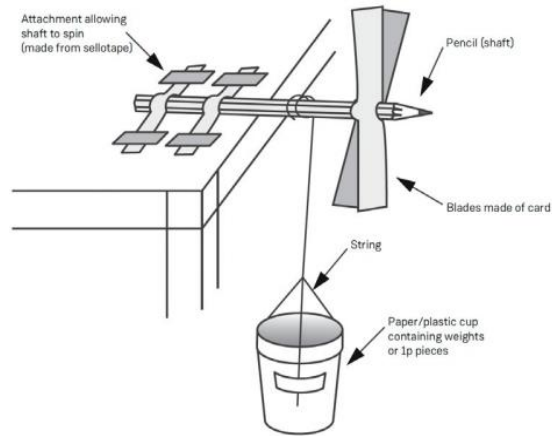
My area (s) of Development



Name: _____ Tutor group: _____

Design a simple wind turbine capable of lifting a cup off the floor up to bench height

Possible design



What you'll need:

- Scrap Card
- Sellotape
- Masking tape
- Pencils
- Scissors
- String
- Paper/plastic cup
- Weights (Gram weights or Pennies)



You will also need at least one hairdryer. Ensure all hairdryers are of the same power rating

These are jobs where Engineering would be really useful!

Can you research each job and tell us what you would do for them?

A: Aerospace Engineer

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B: Software Engineer

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C: Marine Engineer/Naval Architect

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D: Civil Engineer

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Explore careers

Find out what a job involves and if it's right for you.

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Explore careers tool
to research for this
homework

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