

## ► VEHICLE SYSTEMS

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## RDUK supporting early STEM careers

Rheinmetall Defence UK has been working hard to improve support and opportunities to early careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) in the UK.

### Apprenticeship and Graduate Opportunities

Last year, we launched our graduate scheme, taking on three graduates in September 2023 from different universities across the UK. During their time at Rheinmetall, they will be rotating through diverse engineering projects and the wider business, getting valuable support and experience by working with our team, attending events and contributing to ongoing projects.

An engineering apprentice also joined our team in September 2023 and they have been working on key projects, learning from the vast experience our employees have. Marton Handa, Engineering Apprentice, said 'My apprenticeship with Rheinmetall is giving me the opportunity to develop systems that protect and support armed forces, providing valuable hands-on experience to further develop my skillset and contribute to the company.'

### University Relationships

As our headquarters are located in Bristol, we have been building a relationship with both the University of West England and Cardiff University. A Cardiff University undergraduate joined us for a summer placement, working in our Business Development team, learning the process of identifying contract opportunities and reacting to customer product needs.

With the University of West England, we have recently become their Formula Student team lead sponsor. The team are aiming to become the first hybrid electric Formula Student team in the UK, and our donation is going towards achieving this, as well as providing new driver suits, motors and safety systems for the 2024/25 season. Their vision towards leading the reduction of carbon emissions in the sport aligns with our own, and we will be considering members of the team for future recruitment opportunities.

This year, we will continue to support early careers in the industry by opening up our summer placement opportunity, and recruiting new apprentices and graduates to join our team in the autumn.

## ► Key facts

- RDUK are supporting early STEM careers
- In 2023, we launched our graduate and apprenticeship schemes
- Rheinmetall are the lead sponsor of UWE's Formula Student team

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