



Mill Hill School

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## **PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO MILL HILL SCHOOL STUDENT**

**Laminn McLay from Mill Hill School has been awarded a sought-after Arkwright Engineering Scholarship that identifies her as one of the country's future leaders in engineering and related areas of design.**

The renowned Arkwright Engineering Scholarship/s provide student/s with a £600 financial award to enhance their A level / Scottish Higher studies and a range of activities to enhance their understanding and experience of engineering. Mill Hill School will also receive £400 for each Scholarship awarded to one of its students. The Scholarships are respected by leading universities and industrial companies and are supported by top engineering employers and organisations such as Rolls-Royce, BAE Systems, National Grid, Balfour Beatty, Microsoft Research, Thales, The Royal Air Force, The Royal Navy and the Institution of Engineering and Technology. The Scholarships are also funded by charitable donors including, principal donors The Reece Foundation, The Lloyd's Register Foundation, the Gannochy Trust, the Dulverton Trust, the Emmott Foundation and S.F.I.A Educational Trust.

Laminn had to successfully complete a rigorous selection process consisting of a detailed application form, a two-hour aptitude exam and an interview hosted at a top engineering university.

The aptitude exam tested candidates' flair and originality in solving engineering design problems. At the in-depth interview, candidates were asked about their career aspirations and had to discuss an engineering project they had conducted. During the interview day the candidates took part in a team exercise to solve a hands-on engineering problem working with students they had never met before. Candidates and their parents also toured the engineering facilities at the host university and explored the diversity of engineering and design careers and their importance to the UK economy.

The Scholarship will be formally presented at a prestigious ceremony supported by The Institution of Engineering and Technology later in the year.

Dr Martin Thomas, National Director of the Arkwright Scholarships Trust said: "I am delighted to see students from Mill Hill School secure this prestigious accolade. Clearly, there is considerable technical talent in the North West London area. With the competition for rewarding jobs becoming ever-more fierce, the receipt of an Arkwright Engineering Scholarship can help dynamic young people at the start of their journey to be the country's future leaders in engineering and related areas of design."

## **Editors Notes:**

### **1. About the Arkwright Scholarships Trust**

The Arkwright Scholarships Trust is a charity founded in 1991 that inspires and nurtures future leaders in engineering and related areas of design. The Arkwright Engineering Scholarships are awarded through a rigorous selection process and support high-potential young people during their 'A' Levels / Scottish Higher.

2013's Arkwright Engineering Scholarship statistics:

- 15,500 students were eligible to apply
- 1271 students applied, endorsed by their teachers. Applicants spanned the United Kingdom and Channel Islands
- 580 candidates reached the final interview stage
- 350 Engineering Scholarships will be awarded (subject to sponsorship)

### **2. About Mill Hill School**

Mill Hill School was founded in 1807 as a Non-Conformist Grammar School. Originally a boarding school for boys, it now offers education to boys and girls. In addition, full boarding, day and weekly boarding options are on offer. Mill Hill is the Senior School of the Mill Hill School Foundation, with Belmont, the Mill Hill Preparatory School, offering day education for pupils aged 7 to 13 and Grimsdell, the Mill Hill Pre-Preparatory School being a day school for children aged 3 to 7.

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