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**Renishaw becomes official partner of Cardiff Blues Community Foundation**

To continue the success of Renishaw’s education outreach programme, the global engineering company has become an official partner of the Cardiff Blues Community Foundation. The three-year partnership will see the Guinness PRO14 rugby club’s community team deliver a new secondary school programme to raise the aspirations of year 8 and 9 pupils in the local area.

The programme is already being piloted in six schools in the Cardiff region, where over 100 children are already taking part. As part of the partnership, Renishaw also sponsors the Cardiff Blues Ladies Team and has supported a Girl’s Rookie Rugby Day for over 600 people at the Cardiff City House of Sport Air Dome and a Girls Elite Camp at the club’s Vale training base. The Wales international scrum-half Tomos Williams and Blues Ladies’ flanker Kira Philpott also act as brand ambassadors for Renishaw.

The partnership reinforces the work of Renishaw’s education outreach programme, which it runs to inspire young people in South Wales, Bristol and Gloucestershire to consider engineering as a possible future career option. As part of this, Renishaw works with a number of partners, as well as running workshops, activities and events in-house.

“As a significant employer in the Cardiff region it is important for us to engage with our local communities, especially in education, skills development and encouraging greater gender diversity in the engineering sector,” explained Chris Pockett, Head of Communications at Renishaw. “This sponsorship strengthens Renishaw’s involvement in the education and rugby community. We have a particular focus on women’s rugby, due to the parallels between the gender stereotyping in rugby and in engineering.

“It is brilliant to link up with such a world-renowned company, with such a significant presence within our community,” said Nadine Griffiths, Community Foundation Director of Cardiff Blues. “The partnership forms part of our long-term commitment to help children fulfil their potential, follow their dreams and highlight opportunities to pursue the career paths that interest them, making them more employable and improving our communities.

“Almost 50 children from Tonyrefail Community School, Bryncelynnog Comprehensive School and Whitchurch High School have nearly completed the course. We have had some great feedback from the pupil’s visit to the impressive Renishaw plant at Miskin and University visits are planned for later this month.”

Renishaw employs over 400 people at its Miskin plant near Cardiff and is also the largest private-sector employer in Gloucestershire. In 2018, Renishaw celebrated its 45th birthday and in that time has grown into a world-leading engineering company with over 5,000 employees.

For more information on Renishaw’s education outreach programme, visit [www.renishaw.com/education](http://www.renishaw.com/education).

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UK-based Renishaw is a world leading engineering technologies company, supplying products used for applications as diverse as jet engine and wind turbine manufacture, through to dentistry and brain surgery. It has over 4,500 employees located in the 36 countries where it has wholly owned subsidiary operations.

For the year ended June 2018 Renishaw recorded sales of £611.5 million of which 95% was due to exports. The company’s largest markets are China, the USA, Germany and Japan.

Throughout its history Renishaw has made a significant commitment to research and development, with historically between 13 and 18% of annual sales invested in R&D and engineering. The majority of this R&D and manufacturing of the company’s products is carried out in the UK.

The Company’s success has been recognised with numerous international awards, including eighteen Queen’s Awards recognising achievements in technology, export and innovation.

Further information at [http://www.renishaw.com](http://www.renishaw.com/en/renishaw-enhancing-efficiency-in-manufacturing-and-healthcare--1030?utm_source=StoneJunction&utm_medium=PR&utm_campaign=REC263)