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## Kent schools encouraged to apply to National Grid for science funding

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National Grid calls on schools to apply for science funding

- National Grid already awarded £20,000 to schools in Richborough and Canterbury area for new science, engineering and technology equipment
- Remaining schools still have additional time to apply for grants of up to £1,000
- This scheme will help to support the teaching of STEM subjects to school children in the local community.

National Grid is calling on all primary and secondary schools in the Richborough and Canterbury area, who haven't already applied for a grant, to take advantage of the opportunity to receive up to £1,000 for new science, engineering and technology equipment.

The energy company, who started building a new overhead line connection between Canterbury and Richborough in October, is working to promote STEM subjects and engineering as career with young pupils, and in particular girls, in order to address a skills deficit in the industry. The funding available will help to support the teaching of STEM subjects to school children in the local community.

To date, National Grid has provided nearly £20,000 for 17 local schools, which has benefited over 400 pupils. These schools include Barham Church of England Primary School, Hersden Village Primary School, St. Nicholas at Wade CEP School, Wickhambreaux CofE, Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys, Herne CE Junior School, St John's Church of England Primary School, Ash Cartwright and Kelsey, Herne Bay Junior School, Hoath Primary School, Adisham CE Primary School, Sandwich Junior School, Littlebourne CE Primary, The Archbishop's School, Briary Primary School, Worth Primary School, and finally, Chislet Church of England Primary School.

Additional money will also be available for schools with a high proportion of children from socially deprived backgrounds. Schools wishing to receive the funding will need to demonstrate how the grant will be used to support its pupils.

Schools can apply via National Grid's grant website at [betl.nationalgrid.com/application-process](http://betl.nationalgrid.com/application-process). The scheme is open to state-funded primary and secondary schools only.

Commenting on the scheme, Graham Dolamore, project director for the Richborough Connection project said:

*"We are committed to improving STEM skills amongst young people, while also giving back to the local community in the Canterbury and Richborough area where we are carrying out our essential works. This new scheme is a great way for local schools to get hold of new science and technology equipment which will help to boost pupils' interest and understanding of STEM subjects. We encourage all eligible schools in the local area to apply before the deadline at the end of January".*

Ann Campling, Headteacher at Wickhambreaux C of E Primary School who received one of our recent grants, said:

*"We received an £850 grant and have purchased the Mindstorms kits for our STEM club. The kits are a vital link in the learning started last term in robotics and are enabling us to make the next step. We are a small school and this grant has made a significant contribution to the STEM learning and although there are only a few kits bought, due to their expensive nature, the children are learning skills that can be cascaded through the school. The kits will be well used and contribute as a basic tool in our STEM programme."*

National Grid has also developed a number of initiatives to engage and support schools in the local area and encourages schools and local communities to apply.

#### **National Grid Engineering Challenge and Awards**

National Grid's Engineering Challenge has been developed by The Smallpeice Trust to work with both primary and secondary schools. The programme encourages pupils to explore careers in engineering and includes workshops, clubs and engineering residential courses at leading universities around the UK.

#### **Teaching Electricity Principles**

This primary schools initiative is aimed at teaching the scientific principles of DC electricity. It has been developed by Fran Scott to train teachers on the subject and in turn pupils benefit from their teacher's increased knowledge. New equipment is also provided.

#### **Community Grant Programme**

National Grid's Community Grant Programme is aimed at community organisations and charities in areas where National Grid is impacting local people through our operations.

We fund projects run by charities and community groups that meet local community needs by providing a range of social, economic and environmental benefits. And we are also helping to inspire our engineers of the future by working with schools that are affected by National Grid and its operations.

If your project meets our criteria you can apply for a grant of up to £20,000.

For further information and to find out how to apply, visit our [Community Grant website](#).

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- We own and operate the gas National Transmission System in Great Britain, with day-to-day responsibility for balancing supply and demand. Our network comprises approximately 7,660 kilometres (4,760 miles) of high-pressure pipe and 618 above-ground installations.
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- Other UK activities mainly relate to businesses operating in competitive markets outside of our core regulated businesses; including interconnectors, gas metering activities and a liquefied natural gas (LNG) importation terminal – all of which are now part of National Grid Ventures. National Grid Property is responsible for the management, clean-up and disposal of surplus sites in the UK. Most of these are former gas works.

Find out more about the energy challenge and how National Grid is helping find solutions to some of the challenges we face at <https://www.nationalgrid.com/group/news>

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