



## Plymouth Catholic Schools Trust Multi Academy Trust Notice 1709

### **TITLE: Science Technology Engineering and Maths (STEM)**

#### **Introduction**

Successive Governments have prioritised Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) in order to support investment in the necessary skills to ensure maximum opportunity for children and young people whilst also ensuring the future prosperity of the United Kingdom. Plymouth CAST supports active participation in these types of national campaigns to enhance and improve learning outcomes and achievement.

#### **Corporate Support**

Many well known Companies have recognised the mutual benefits of this approach and allocated resources to support schools with participation in STEM. One such Company with close geographic links to CAST schools is the Marine Division of Babcock International Group. They have a dedicated Senior Manager responsible for STEM engagement in the local education sector and have developed several hundred volunteer staff to act as STEM ambassadors. These staff are all DBS checked and can be made available, free of charge, to consult and support schools by invitation. In most cases the ambassadors will organise and supply the necessary classroom materials.

#### **Who to Contact**

The point of contact at Babcock International Group's Marine Division is Mrs Tina Brinkworth MBA. Her email address is [tina.brinkworth@babcockinternational.com](mailto:tina.brinkworth@babcockinternational.com). Mrs Brinkworth can provide initial advice and discuss opportunities with individual schools.

#### **Future Development**

Once demand from CAST schools has been established the Trust will consult with Mrs Brinkworth to determine if future collaborative opportunities are possible not just with individual CAST schools but between schools, for example for our disadvantaged or most able pupils across the Trust. This might include field trips or a holiday club.

#### **Summary**

Schools are encouraged to contact Mrs Brinkworth at the email address above to discuss opportunities. There is no need to keep the Trust informed of individual arrangements unless further advice or resource is required.

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