



## **Pupils win a money can't buy experience to spend a day in the life of a McLaren Automotive engineer.**

The Big Bang UK Young Scientists & Engineers Programme teamed up with McLaren Automotive to give young people interested in a career in engineering the chance to win an exclusive tour of the famous McLaren Technology Centre, and meet the engineers responsible for the groundbreaking new MP4-12C high performance sports car.

The lucky winner was Cameron Tait, 11, from Windlesham in Surrey, who made himself popular with his friends when he brought them along to the VIP tour on Thursday 1 September.

As part of the tour, including lunch in McLaren's Private Dining area, the boys had the unique opportunity to quiz racing engineer, Jenni Oakham, and automotive engineer, Chris Gosling, about their jobs, and got hands-on with the groundbreaking new McLaren MP4-12C high performance sports car.

Cameron said: "It's been an amazing experience. I think my favourite part of the day was seeing all the Formula 1 cars and the McLaren F1 GTR."

Automotive engineer, Chris Gosling, said: "I've really enjoyed talking to Cameron and his friends about the exciting work we're involved in at McLaren. There are a number of routes into engineering, whether you enter the industry as an apprenticeship or graduate, like I did. I hope we've shown them the variety of jobs in automotive engineering alone and that today inspires them to consider engineering as a future career for themselves."

The Big Bang exists to inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers, and the next national Big Bang Fair will take place at Birmingham NEC between 15 - 17 March 2012. The large scale event will host over 120 interactive activities, exhibitions and live shows, and features the finals of the National Science & Engineering Competition.



To be in with a chance to win over £50,000 of prizes, young people can still enter their science or engineering projects to the Competition, which closes on 31 October 2011.

For more information about The Big Bang or the National Science & Engineering Competition go to [www.thebigbangfair.co.uk](http://www.thebigbangfair.co.uk)

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#### **The Big Bang UK Young Scientists & Engineers Programme**

Led by EngineeringUK, The Big Bang UK Young Scientists & Engineers Programme celebrates and raises the profile of young people's achievement in science and engineering and enables more young people to experience the excitement and opportunities available through science, technology, engineering and maths with support from their parents and teachers. The Programme is made up of the national Big Bang Fair and a series of regional and local events throughout the year. The Big Bang hosts the finals of the prestigious National Science & Engineering Competition and is part of National Science & Engineering Week. [www.thebigbangfair.co.uk](http://www.thebigbangfair.co.uk)