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**IMechE recognition for Renishaw engineer**

Matthew Hunter, Design Development Engineer and former apprentice at global engineering company, [Renishaw](https://www.renishaw.com/en/renishaw-enhancing-efficiency-in-manufacturing-and-healthcare--45346?utm_expid=.1bs9dmsBTVCDshRo2EAK8A.1&utm_referrer=&utm_source=hard%20news&utm_medium=PR&utm_campaign=REC478), was awarded the Frederic Barnes Waldron 'Best Student' award at the end of December 2020. Hunter was nominated by the Head of Engineering at the University of South Wales after achieving a first-class honours degree in Mechanical Engineering.

The award is presented on behalf of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE) on the recommendation of the head of department at each university. Every year, the award is handed out to an outstanding undergraduate student who is an affiliate member of the IMechE and is studying towards an IMechE accredited degree.

“I have gained invaluable knowledge from Renishaw engineers that helped me achieve my first- class degree,” explained Hunter. “They have helped me to develop my general engineering understanding that I can apply to both company projects and academic assessments.”

“My love of engineering started when I made and raced Greenpower electric cars with my father and brother as a child and I have found the same enjoyment in engineering during my time as an apprentice,” Hunter continued. “An apprenticeship gave me the opportunity to work and study simultaneously to gain the qualifications and experience required for my future career.”

“Matthew has been a great addition to the team, and it is fantastic to work with him,” commented Hugo Derrick, Technical Fellow at Renishaw. “Renishaw has always prided itself on its innovative thinkers and Matthew’s award justly recognises his outstanding academic achievements and ability to generate novel solutions.”

Renishaw offers a range of award-winning apprenticeship programmes in engineering, manufacturing, software, IT and embedded electronics engineering. An apprenticeship at Renishaw is an opportunity to earn-while you learn, and degree level apprentices can obtain their university qualifications with no student debt. Further benefits include a competitive salary and an extensive benefits package, with onsite gyms, medical insurance and pension.

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For the year ended June 2020 Renishaw recorded sales of £510.2 million of which 94% was due to exports. The company’s largest markets are China, the USA, Japan and Germany.

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.

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