

# WHSB Careers: An Evening in STEM

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**Wednesday 6 March 2024 - 7.00pm to 8.30pm**

We are delighted that three professionals have agreed to attend our evening event, discussing their pathway into careers within their areas of expertise, as well as sharing some of the exciting projects they have been involved with to date. Please book your free tickets ASAP via TicketSource which can be accessed at <https://whsb.ticketsource.co.uk/>. The event is open to pupils in all year groups, their families, carers, and our local secondary school community as well.



## **Martin Edwards – Resources Operations System & Strategy Lead, QinetiQ**

Martin, a former WHSB pupil, has worked for QinetiQ for 14 years. After a Heavy Vehicle Maintenance apprenticeship in Tank Workshops, he has spent most of his career in test and evaluation, working on sites throughout the UK. Martin has spent the last 5 years in workforce & facility planning, responsible for 1,000 engineers delivering projects in the Land Domain and preparing for the future of the Defence Industry. Recently, Martin has started a new role as the Resource Operations lead in the group's Digital Transformation Programme.



## **Neeta Darragh – Enablement Director, VMware**

Neeta is an Enablement Director at VMware, a global virtualisation and cloud computing software provider, where she is responsible for ensuring that the go-to-market team are equipped to sell VMware's cybersecurity solutions. Neeta has a long history in the IT industry, with roles varying from development, database administration, through to operations management and enablement. Neeta is passionate about encouraging the younger generations to consider roles in STEM and spends a lot of time in local schools' career events to inspire and encourage children about roles in the tech industry. Neeta and her husband both attended Westcliff High Schools and are proud to see their sons following in their footsteps.



## **Kayleigh Murphy – Degree Apprentice Civil Engineering, AtkinsRéalis**

Kayleigh is currently studying for her BEng in Civil Engineering as a part of her role as a Degree Apprentice. She joined AtkinsRéalis, a leading global design and engineering consultancy, in September 2022, where she is supported in studying alongside her day-to-day work to become an Incorporated Engineer. Kayleigh will delve into her drive towards becoming a civil engineer and offer some advice for becoming a degree apprentice.

**We hope that you find this WHSB Careers Evening interesting, helpful, and informative. Feedback is always welcomed, as well as offers of support for future events. Please contact Mr Martin Atkinson at [atkinsonm@whsb.essex.sch.uk](mailto:atkinsonm@whsb.essex.sch.uk). Thank you for your support.**