

## Message from Sir James Dyson, D+T Show Patron

At school, I did not get the chance to study D&T and fell into engineering by accident. That's why I've always wholeheartedly supported D&T as a subject. Having worked closely with both the Design and Technology Association and the D&T show, I am impressed by their dedication for the subject.

I encourage teachers to take time out to visit the D&T show. There's a plethora of D&T exhibitors, new resources and palpable enthusiasm.

Engineering is still viewed by many as a discipline that fixes things. This is simply not the case and so in 2002, I set up the James Dyson Foundation to encourage young people to study engineering and become engineers. Through workshops in schools, colleges and universities and the development of free teaching resources, I want to excite young people about design and engineering, demystify the design process and encourage creativity.

Thank you to the organisers, exhibitors and teachers for championing the cause, and pushing the subject forward. D&T should be recognised as a key subject, giving young people the chance to use their hands as well as their heads and understand what design and engineering is really about.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Dyson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.