The Institutes Contribution to Improving and Advancing Engineering Education within UK Universities

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- HE & FE Involvement
- IOM3 Education Remit
- Schools Affiliate Scheme
- Secondary School Teachers' and Technician Initiatives
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• More information about the Institute and its activities can be found on the Institute's website at www.iom3.org



# HE & FE Involvement



### EC<sup>uk</sup> Accredited Courses

• No. of IOM3 Accredited Universities:

| UK       | - 17 |
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| Overseas | - 2  |

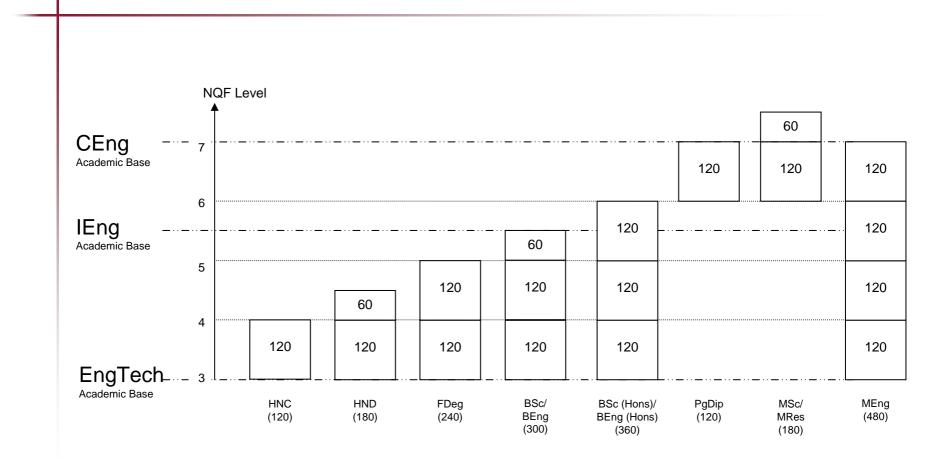
• No. of IOM3 Accredited Courses:

BEng (Hons) - 49

- MEng 46
- MSc 9



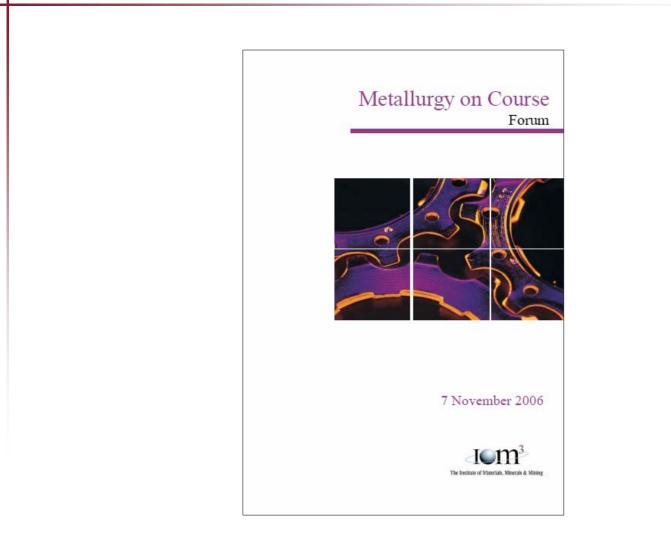
### Academic Routes for Achieving Professional Qualifications



Typically 10 credits = 100 guided learning hours (30 hours contact & 70 self-directed/laboratory)



### Future FE & HE Engagement

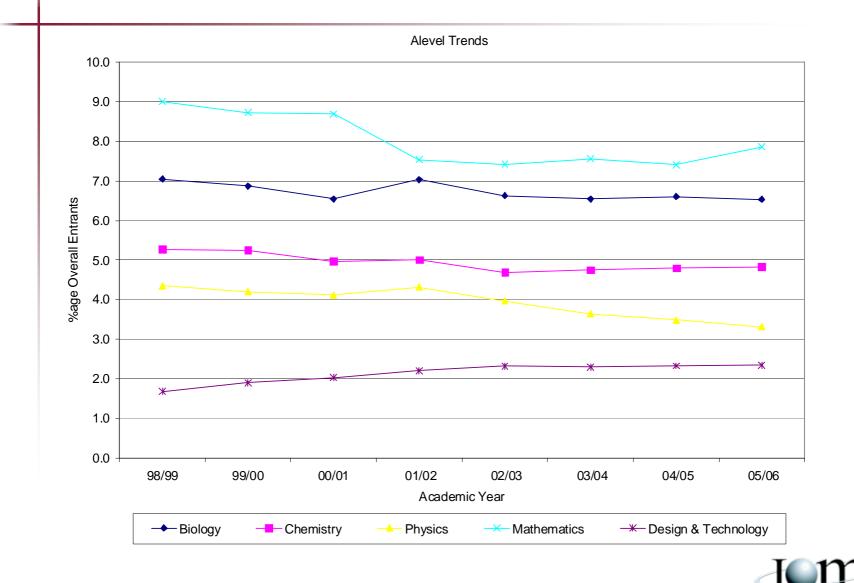




# **IOM<sup>3</sup> Education Remit**



### A'Level Trends Statistics (Data Source DfES)



### **A'Level Combinations**

|  | Source: Evaluation | of participation in A'Leve | el Mathematics (QCA) |
|--|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Combination  | 2001               | 2002                       | 2003                 |
| Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics.                         | 4,713              | 2,909                      | 2,623                |
| Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics,<br>Further Mathematics. | 1,374              | 956                        | 847                  |
| Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics.                         | 6,462              | 3,900                      | 4,007                |
| Biology, Chemistry, Physics,<br>Mathematics.             | 990                | 1,048                      | 925                  |



### The Institute Education Remit

To assist with the promotion and teaching of materials, minerals & mining within education activities from secondary schools to higher education.

The education group is based in the Doncaster regional office and comprises:

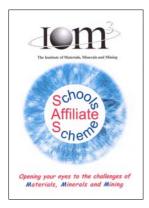
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## **Schools Affiliate Scheme**



### Schools Affiliate Scheme



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- Established January 1999
- 350 member schools nationwide
- Membership approximately 50% Science and 50% Design & Technology
- Annual membership fee of £30.00

Benefits of membership:

- Annual resource linked to the curriculum.
- New school to the scheme receives Corus teaching resource (value £25.00).
- Presentations/activities available in school.
   (General, Smart Materials, Communication, Careers, SAS, Biomaterials, Activity)
- Termly newsletter.
- Monthly in-house journal.
- Institute's Services (e.g. Materials Information Service).



### Schools Affiliate Scheme Resources





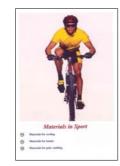






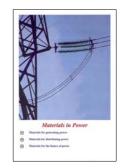




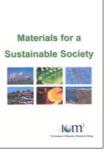




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### SAS Presentations/Activity Outreach

| Students           | No. of Visits | No. of Talks | No. of Students |
|--------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Sept. 03 – Jul. 04 | 55            | 121          | 4,620           |
| Sept. 04 – Jul. 05 | 79            | 180          | 6,109           |
| Sept. 05 – Jul. 06 | 88            | 168          | 6,235           |

| Teachers           | No. of Events | No. of Teachers |
|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Sept. 03 – Jul. 04 | 10            | 221             |
| Sept. 04 – Jul. 05 | 16            | 351             |
| Sept. 05 – Jul. 06 | 10            | 207             |



# Examples of Initiatives for Teachers and Technicians



### Materials Congress - 2006

 Teachers' Day:
 Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2006

 Available symposia: (pertinent to curricula)
 Smart materials. Packaging. Materials for Future Energy Systems. Biomaterials for Regenerative Medicine. Innovation in Construction Materials.

 Additional activities:
 Visit to The Tower of London Education Centre with additional presentations by CSM, Cambridge Hitachi & IOM<sup>3</sup>.

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"Relevant to education and the subjects being taught." "I was surprised to have people trying to give us things which are actually tailored to the curriculum being taught." "Gained useful information." "Thanks for a great day." "The event was superb." "Will be of use to both students and staff."



### ASE & DATA Conferences





#### **ASE Annual Conference:**

| 5 – 7 January 2006 | Reading    |
|--------------------|------------|
| 2005               | Leeds      |
| 2004               | Reading    |
| 2003               | Birmingham |
| 2002               | Liverpool  |
| 2001               | Surrey     |
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### **DATA Annual Conferece:**

| 17 – 19 November 2005 | NEC, Birmingham |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 2004                  | NEC, Birmingham |



**Polymer Study Tours:** 17 – 20 June 2007

17 – 20 June 2007 24 – 27 June 2007 08 – 11 July 2007 Napier University London Metropolitan University Bradford University

Materials Residential School:

9 – 12 July 2007

Imperial London Metropolitan University Queen Mary



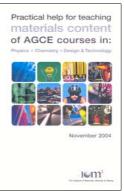
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### Autumn Open Day Programme

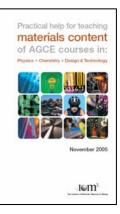
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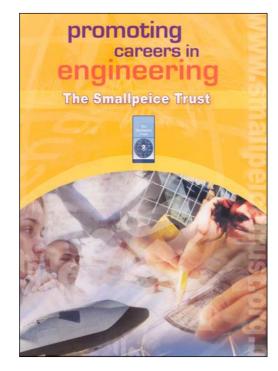
|      | Schools | Students | Sessions |
|------|---------|----------|----------|
| 2002 | 13      | 267      | 21       |
| 2003 | 23      | 575      | 52       |
| 2004 | 33      | 731      | 54       |
| 2005 | 29      | 537      | 57       |
| 2006 | 18      | 382      | 39       |

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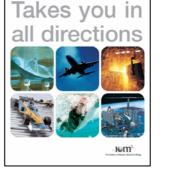
## **UCAS** Conventions

| 2006 | Sheffield, London, Tyneside, Edinburgh, Cardiff, Exeter, Merseyside       |
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| 2005 | Sheffield, London, Tyneside, Aberdeen, Cardiff, Exeter, Merseyside        |
| 2004 | Sheffield, Manchester, London, Tyneside, Aberdeen, Cardiff, Staffordshire |
| 2003 | Sheffield, Manchester, London, Tyneside, Aberdeen, Cardiff, Staffordshire |
| 2002 | Sheffield, Manchester, London, Birmingham, Bath, Tyneside, Aberdeen       |
| 2001 | Sheffield, Manchester, London, Birmingham, Bath                           |
| 2000 | Sheffield, Manchester, London, Birmingham                                 |
| 1999 | Sheffield, Manchester, London   |
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### Careers

- School careers fairs.
- Careers booklet Takes you in all Directions (Profiles currently being sought from Minerals, Mining & Packaging disciplines.)



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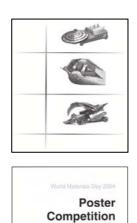
 Careers websites: <u>www.materials-careers.org.uk</u> <u>www.uk-rocks.net</u>

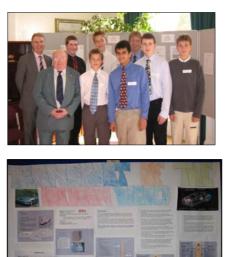




## Competitions

<u>Schools:</u> World Materials Day







Schools & University: Design in Plastics & Starpack



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### Conclusions

- Engage all providers to ensure academic progression is achievable and relevant to professional registration.
- Broker development of consortia between academic and industrial stakeholders to address perceived needs.
- Enrich Secondary school students' learning experiences to increase their appreciation of the interdependency of science and technology and their willingness to explore Engineering options as viable career pathways.



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