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Dear Parent/Carer

STEM at The Hemel Hempstead School

We are currently starting an on-going initiative for us to be recognised as a STEM accredited school, working towards the IKE accreditation (https://stemfoundation.org.uk/product/certified_innovation_programme_accreditation). As some of you will be aware, STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) skills are highly in demand and there is already a shortage of some of these skills coming out of the Education system.

The idea is that we become recognised as one of the leading STEM schools in the UK, one of only a few to have achieved the IKE accreditation and therefore not only enhancing the learning and development of our students in these subjects, but also facilitating them once they leave our school to go in to further education, apprentice schemes or the job market.

We would be very interested in hearing from any parents who feel they would like to support this STEM initiative. There will be several work streams to us achieving the accreditation; including STEM talks, STEM days where we invite people from industry to come in, STEM challenges and much more. The more input and support we have from external relationships with parents and organisations the better.

We already have one STEM Ambassador, Andy Pearson who is an ex-student and whose children attend here. There is more information and a wealth of supporting material here if you also wish to become a STEM Ambassador - <https://www.stem.org.uk/STEM-ambassadors/join-stem-ambassador-programme>.

However, at the moment what we are looking for are people with a passion or a career in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics to support our STEM activities. This could be as simple as introducing the school to your employer who may be a great organisation for us to have a STEM relationship with, it could be you helping us to achieve the accreditation or simply supporting one of our planned STEM events. **This is an amazing opportunity to get involved and give something back and support our next generations.** If you are already a STEM Ambassador and interested in helping us, we would love to hear from you!

If you are interested, could I please ask you to email stem@hemelschool.com with your interest and any ideas you may have around how you could help us make The Hemel Hempstead School an even better school for your children and future generations. The next step will be a Google call with all interested parties where we can share some further information about the accreditation, the proposed STEM agenda and the next steps. Please get involved, it would be great to see you on the upcoming Google Meet

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Yours faithfully

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