BBC Bitesize Careers

On the 14th of October I went to Ysgol Bro Caereinion to talk about being an engineer to the students as part of a BBC bitesize event. The two other panelists with me were a journalist (Sammy Jenkins- Journalist BBC- second left) and an architect (Richard Lewis- director of Hughs Architects in Newtown- right), both from the local area. The purpose of the event was to showcase the opportunities that are available to young people in midwales. The format of the event was an interview (given by Mererid Wigley- far left) where I was asked about what an engineer is, why I chose engineering and think others should choose it too, what makes a good engineer and how to get into engineering. The students then asked questions like: “have you ever blown anything up?” and “Is engineering fun?” which were opportunities to talk about some of the cool projects I’ve done at CT and university.

Quite a few of the students expressed an interest in staying in the local area and it was nice to see them realise that great opportunities, like the e3 graduate program that Control Techniques is a part of, are available in Newtown. The students also showed a lot of interest in the apprenticeships that Control Techniques offer and hopefully we’ll be seeing some new applicants soon.

I hope through this event, that myself and the other panelists were able to raise aspirations for these students.