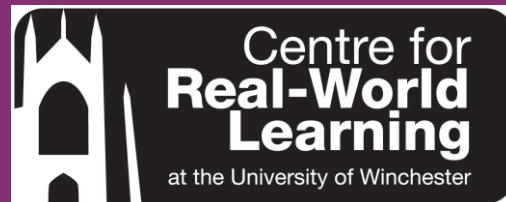




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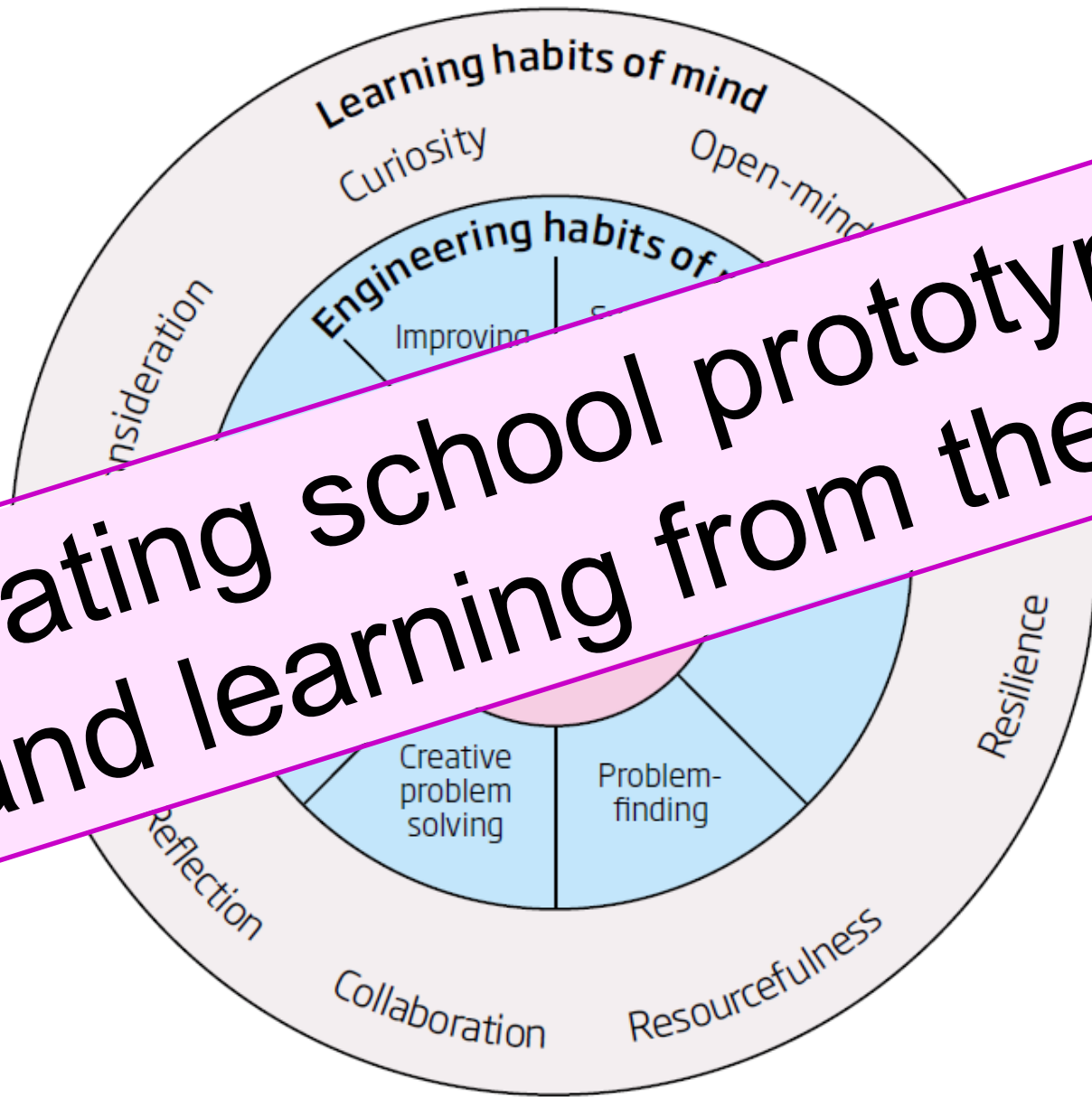


## Developing Engineering Habits of Mind in schools and colleges



[A round of introductions]

# Creating school prototypes and learning from them



## Schools and colleges in South

Bohunt School, Liphook  
Priory School, Southsea  
The Petersfield School  
Summerlea School, West  
Sussex  
Camelsdale Primary School,  
Haslemere  
  
Inspire Enterprise Academy,  
Southampton  
  
New Forest Academy, Holbury  
  
Reading College

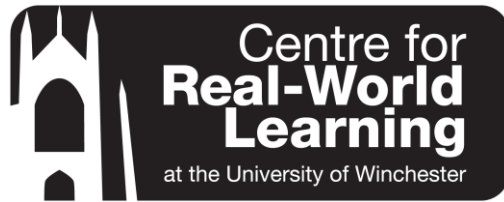
## School in the Middle!

JCB Academy

## Schools in North-West

Great Moors Junior School  
St Chad's Primary School  
Christ the King RC Primary  
St Mary's RC Primary School  
Abraham Moss School  
St Ambrose Barlow High School

[Who we are]



The University of Manchester

[Who we are]

[How we got here]

We are born proto-engineers  
but...





**Thinking like an engineer**  
Implications for the  
education system

May 2014



News

# A few schools doing great things and wanting to scale up activities

Greg Hurst Education Editor

Britain's shortage of skilled engineers has been blamed on schools snuffing out a natural instinct among children to design, make and fix things.

Lessons should instead encourage "messy" learning in which children confront practical problems, design prototypes and tinker with them to improve their designs, a report by the Royal Academy of Engineering said.

The engineers urged teachers, especially in primary schools, to allow children to work on projects over several weeks spanning several subjects, such as maths, science, computing and technology, so they could learn to "think like an engineer".  
Engineers account for only 8 per cent

of the British workforce but employers say they will need more than 1 million new professionals qualified in maths, physics, and design to work in engineering occupations by 2020.

But the report, published today, says the answer should be a more fundamental re-think of the approach to practical and creative learning.

The call was backed last night by Sir James Dyson, one of Britain's most prominent inventors and designers.

He said: "Young people can learn about algebra, angles and forces in the classroom but it's not until they are exposed to industry-relevant equipment that they grasp what engineering is really about."

The report found that children, by nature, share many key attributes with

engineers, such as creative problem-solving, but they are discouraged by formal classroom teaching.

"Young children are little engineers. Yet the primary school system almost extinguishes any opportunities for them to flourish as engineers," it said.

Bill Lucas, professor of learning at the University of Winchester, called on teachers to use the new national curriculum, to be introduced from September, to implement engineering concepts. Asked if such learning could lack rigour, he replied: "Problem-based learning comes from the training of doctors in North America."

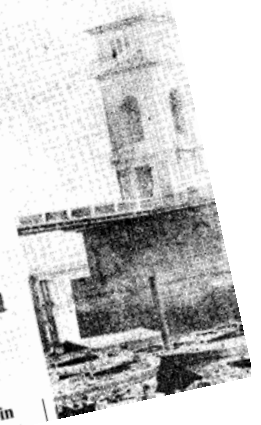
"When it is done well — rigorously planned, monitored, supported, structured — it is one of the most effective ways of learning complex concepts."



## Brunel's bridge caught on camera by photo pioneer

rare 19th-century

Henry Fox Talbot in 1845



1. How do engineers think and act?
2. How best can the education system develop learners who think and act like engineers?



mathematics  
produce  
ethically  
knowledge  
idea bridges sustainable  
engineering  
travel needs scientific product  
design involved  
people  
streams world  
lives sound scientist economic  
solutions  
engineering



- Optimist**    The glass is **half** full
- Pessimist**    The glass is **half** empty
- Engineer**    The glass is **twice** the size  
it needs to be

## Figure 2 - Mathematical habits of mind

### Students who think like mathematicians should be:

<b>Pattern sniffers</b>	Always on the lookout for patterns and the delight to be derived from finding hidden patterns and then using shortcuts arising from them in their daily lives
<b>Experimenters</b>	Performing experiments, playing with problems, performing thought experiments allied to a healthy scepticism for experimental results
<b>Describers</b>	Able to play the maths language game, for example, giving precise descriptions of the steps in a process, inventing notation, convincing others and writing out proofs, questions, opinions and more polished presentations
<b>Tinkerers</b>	Taking ideas apart and putting them back together again
<b>Inventors</b>	Always inventing things - rules for a game, algorithms for doing things, explanations of how things work, or axioms for a mathematical structure
<b>Visualizers</b>	Being able to visualize things that are inherently visual such as working out how many windows there are on the front of a house by imagining them, or using visualization to solve more theoretical tasks
<b>Conjecturers</b>	Making plausible conjectures, initially using data and increasingly using more experimental evidence
<b>Guessers</b>	Using guessing as a research strategy, starting with a possible solution to a problem and working backward to achieve the answer.

*Adapted from Cuoco et al 1996*

...pattern-sniffers,  
experimenters, describers,  
tinkerers, inventors,  
visualizers, conjecturers,  
guessers

‘Intelligence is the habit of persistently trying to understand things and make them function better. Intelligence is working to figure things out, varying strategies until a workable solution is found... One’s intelligence is the sum of one’s habits of mind.’

Lauren Resnick (1999). Making America Smarter. *Education Week Century Series*. 18(40), 38-40



## Figure 5 - Sixteen habits of mind

- 1 Persisting
- 2 Thinking and communicating with clarity and precision
- 3 Managing impulsivity
- 4 Gathering data through all senses
- 5 Listening with understanding and empathy
- 6 Creating, imagining, innovating
- 7 Thinking flexibly
- 8 Responding with wonderment and awe
- 9 Thinking about thinking meta-cognition
- 10 Taking responsible risks
- 11 Striving for accuracy
- 12 Finding humour
- 13 Questioning and posing problems
- 14 Thinking interdependently
- 15 Applying past knowledge to new situations
- 16 Remaining open to continuous learning

*Costa and Kallick 2002*

## Figure 6 - Building learning power - learning dispositions

### Resilience

Absorption

Managing distractions

Noticing

Perseverance

### Being ready, willing and able to lock on to learning

Flow, the pleasure of being rapt in learning

Recognising and reducing distractions

Really sensing what's out there

Stickability; tolerating the feelings of learning

### Resourcefulness

Questioning

Making links

Imagining

Reasoning

Capitalising

### Being ready, willing and able to learn in different ways

Getting below the surface; playing with situations

Seeking coherence, relevance and meaning

Using the mind's eye as a learning theatre

Thinking rigorously and methodically

Making good use of resources

### Reflectiveness

Planning

Revising

Distilling

Meta-learning

### Being ready, willing and able to become more strategic about learning

Working learning out in advance

Monitoring and adapting along the way

Drawing out the lessons from experience

Understanding learning, and yourself as a learner

### Reciprocity

Interdependence

Collaboration

Empathy and listening

Imitation

### Being ready, willing and able to learn alone and with others

Balancing self-reliance and sociability

The skills of learning with others

Getting inside others' minds

Picking up others' habits and values

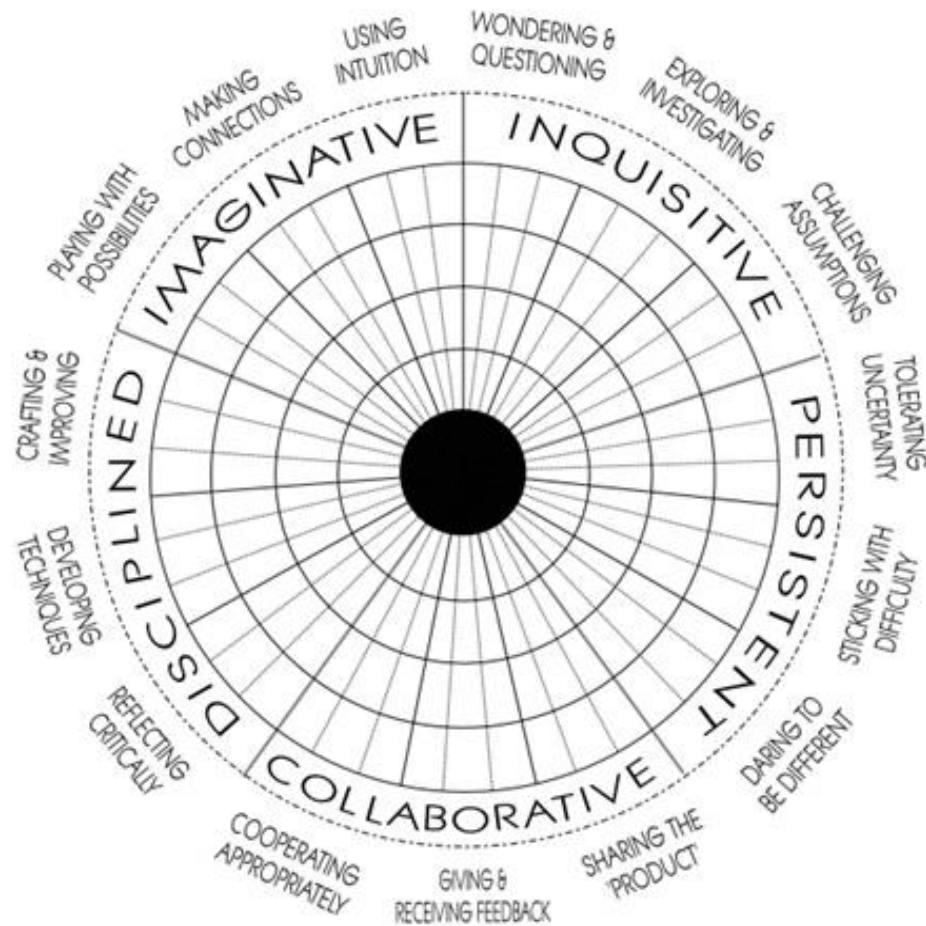


### Figure 3 - Scientific habits of mind

<b>Open-mindedness</b>	Being receptive to new ideas, prepared to consider the possibility that something is true and willing to change ideas in the light of evidence
<b>Scepticism</b>	Using critical questioning, adopting a critical appraisal approach, only according provisional status to claims until proved otherwise
<b>Rationality</b>	Appealing to good reason and logical arguments as well as a need to revise arguments in the light of evidence and argument
<b>Objectivity</b>	Adhering to accepted modes of inquiry in different disciplines and recognising the need to reduce the idiosyncratic contributions of the investigator to a minimum and always looking for peer scrutiny and replication of findings
<b>Mistrust of arguments from authority</b>	Treating arguments sceptically irrespective of the status of the originator
<b>Suspension of belief</b>	Not making immediate judgements if evidence is insufficient
<b>Curiosity</b>	Demonstrating a desire to learn, inquisitiveness and a passion for discovery

*Adapted from Çalik and Coll, 2012*

...open-mindedness,  
scepticism, rationality,  
objectivity, mistrust of  
arguments from authority,  
suspension of belief, curiosity



Lucas, B, Spencer, E. and Claxton, G. (2013)  
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*OECD Education Working Papers*, No 86. Paris: OECD Publishing

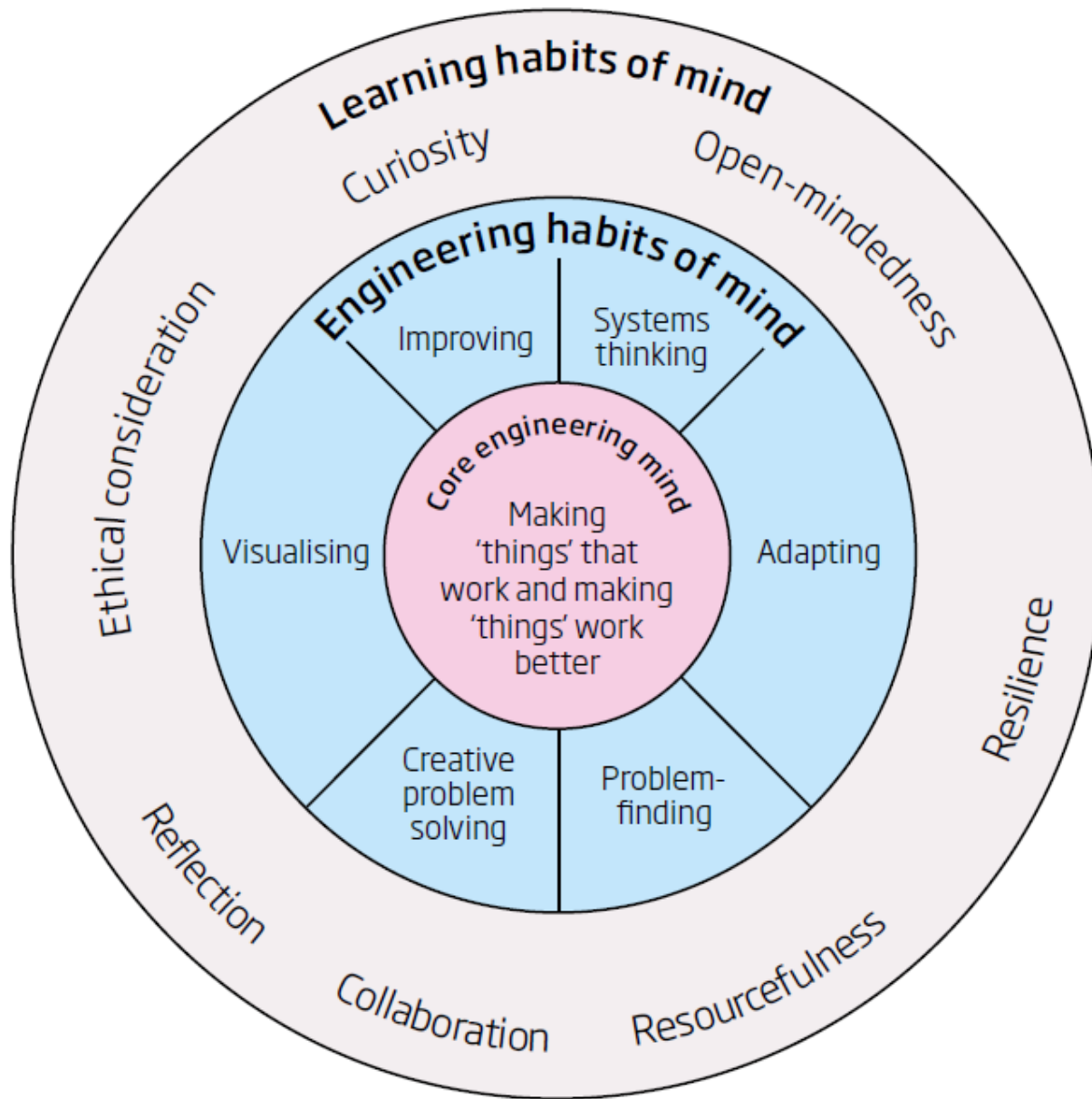
# Engineering Habits of Mind

## National Academy of Engineering - USA (2009)

1. Systems thinking
2. Creativity
3. Optimism
4. Collaboration
5. Communication
6. Attention to ethical considerations

## Centre for Real-World Learning (2014)

1. Systems thinking
2. Problem-finding
3. Visualising
4. Improving
5. Creative problem-solving
6. Adapting



ROYAL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING

Centre for Real World Learning

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# The idea of 'signature pedagogy'

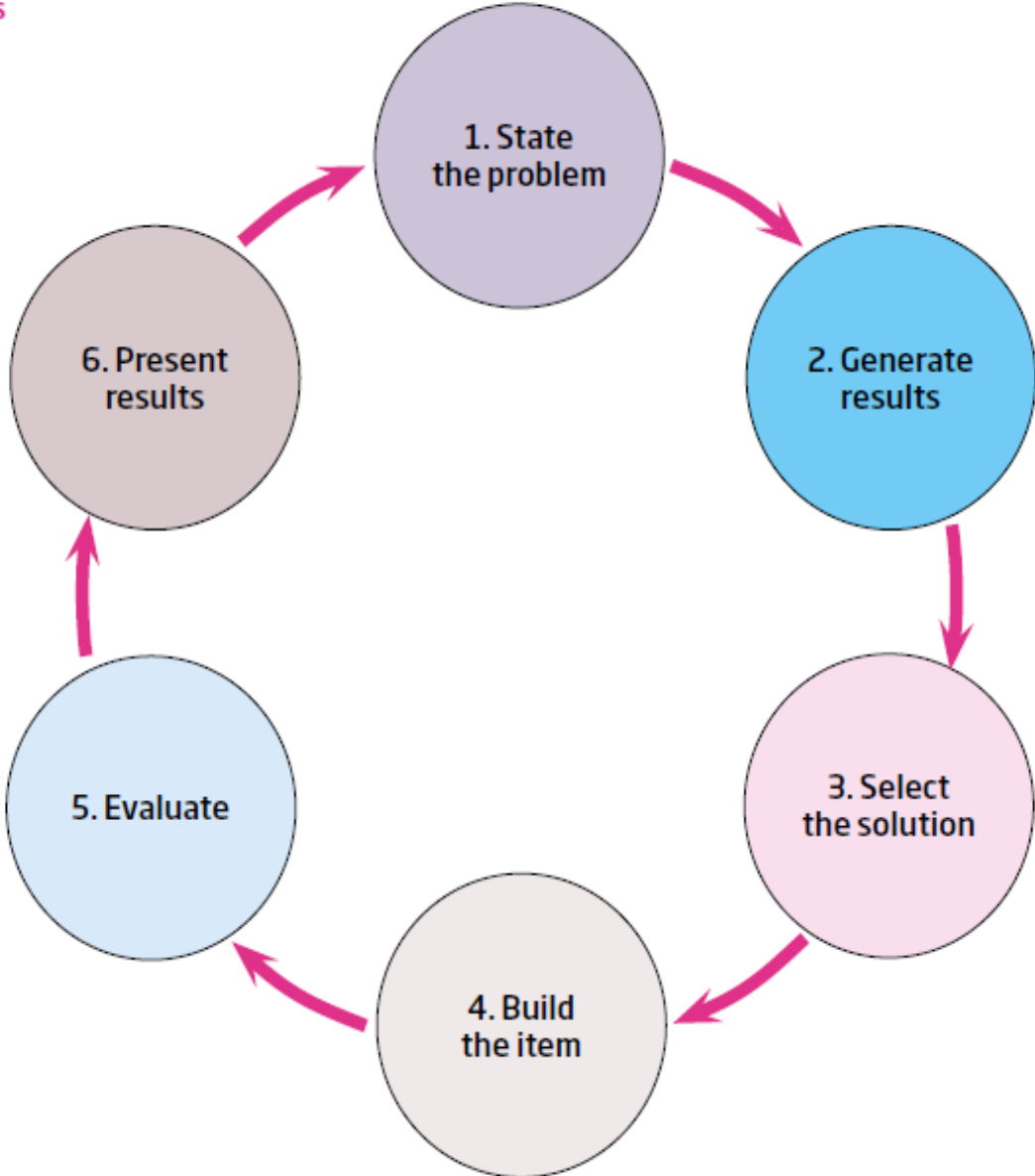
*What might it be for engineering?*



Lee Shulman (2005) Signature pedagogies in the professions. *Daedalus*, 134, 52-59

Figure 13 - The engineering design process

Source - NASA<sup>143</sup>



# Two modes of thinking

Creatively different **v** Reliably similar

Playing **v** Evaluating

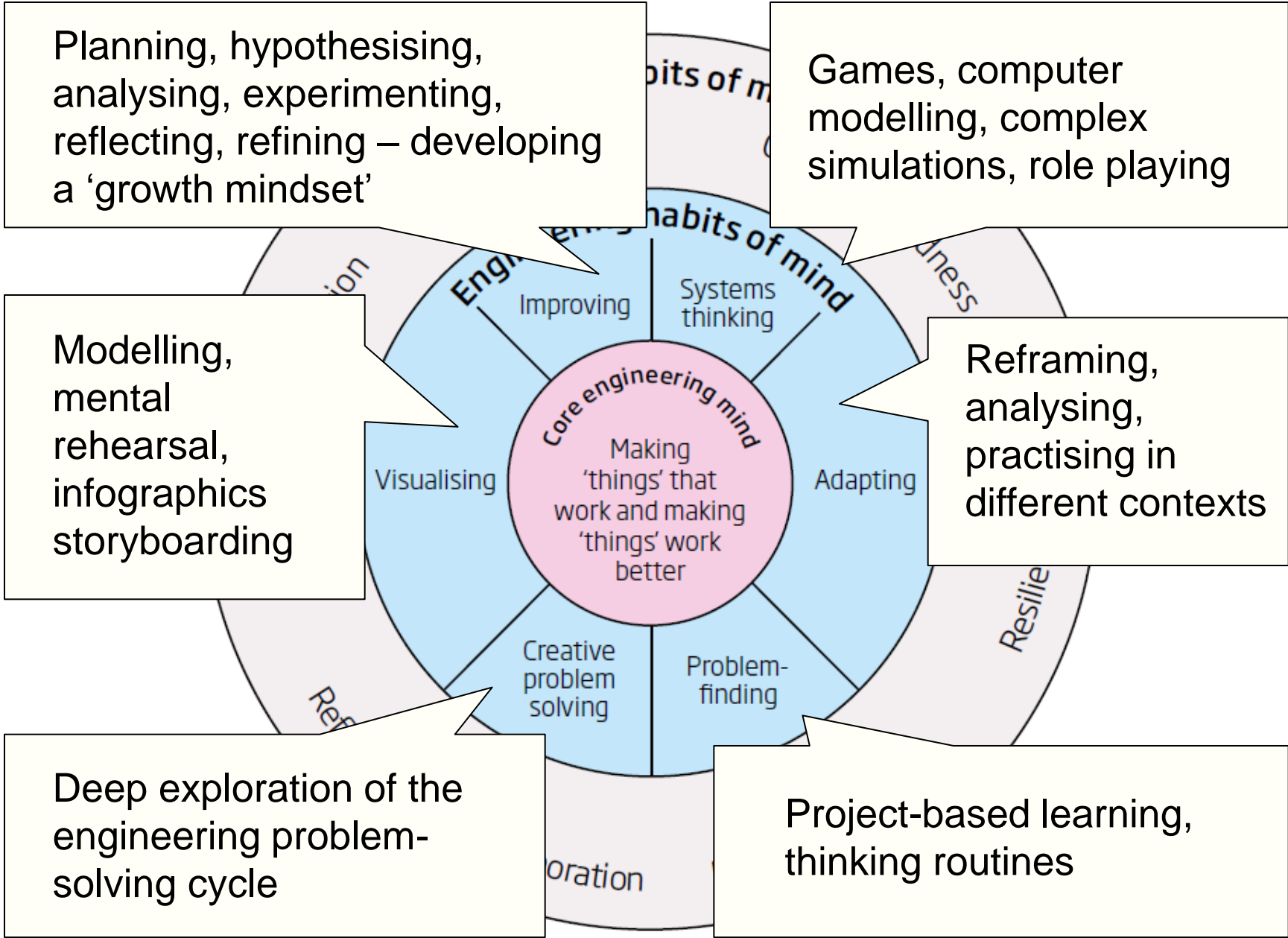
Opening up **v** Closing down

Synthesis **v** Analysis

Systems thinking **v** Analytical

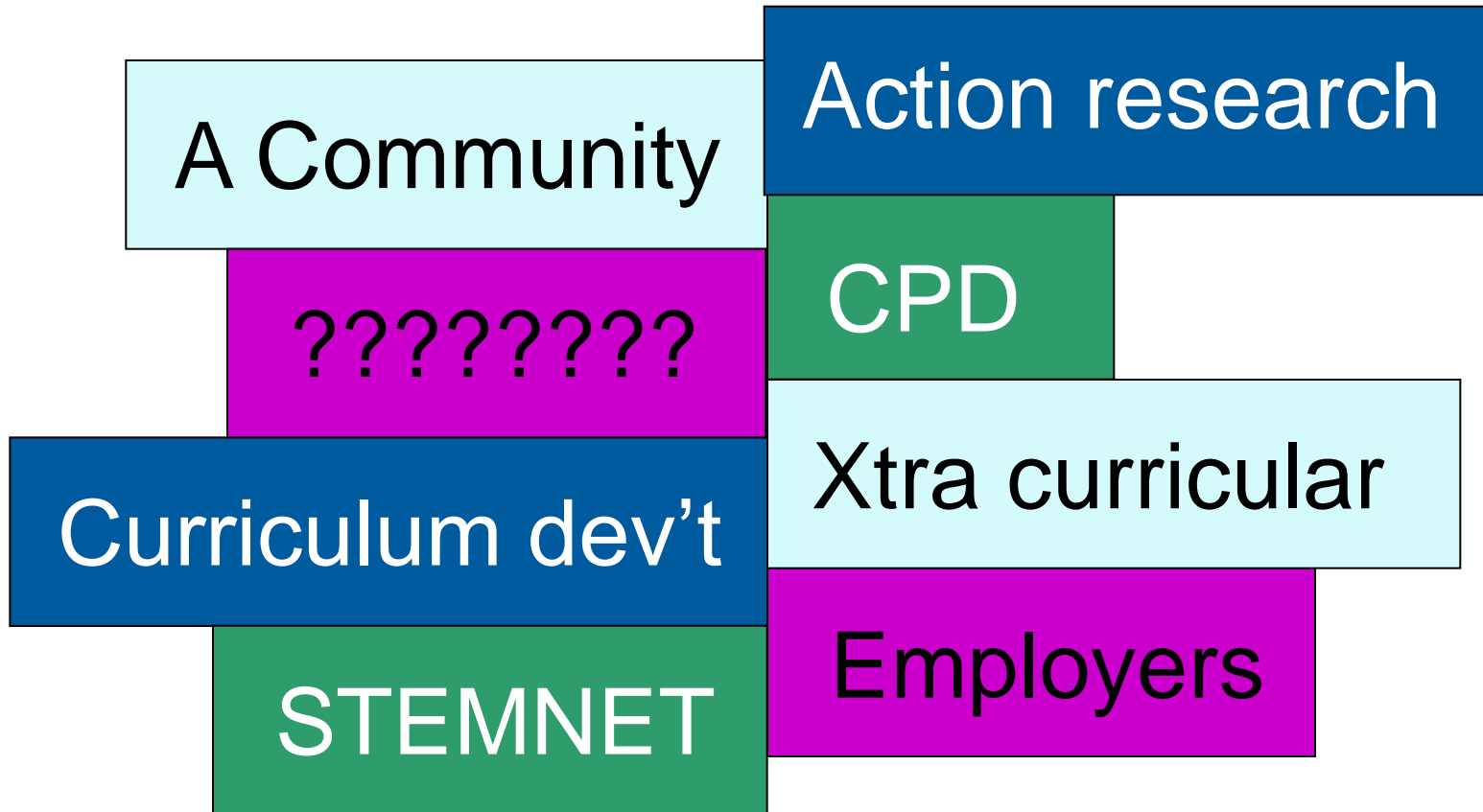
Intuitive **v** Deductive

Idealistic **v** Pragmatic



[What we'll be doing]

# Thinking like an Engineer Project





## Thinking like an Engineer

Welcome to the Thinking like an Engineer page of the Expansive Education Network. Here you will find specific resources to support your cluster, upcoming events and the contact details of other schools in the cluster.

### Events:

**Launch - 10th December, Winchester Science Centre**



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### Resources

[Action Research Case Studies](#)

[STEM Resources](#)

### Project Contacts:

**eedNET at Winchester University:** For support with emerging AR questions, projects and research  
Dr. Janet Hanson: [janet.hanson@winchester.ac.uk](mailto:janet.hanson@winchester.ac.uk)



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*Launch and Overview*





## The UK's national Academy for Engineering



# Engineering is Everywhere!

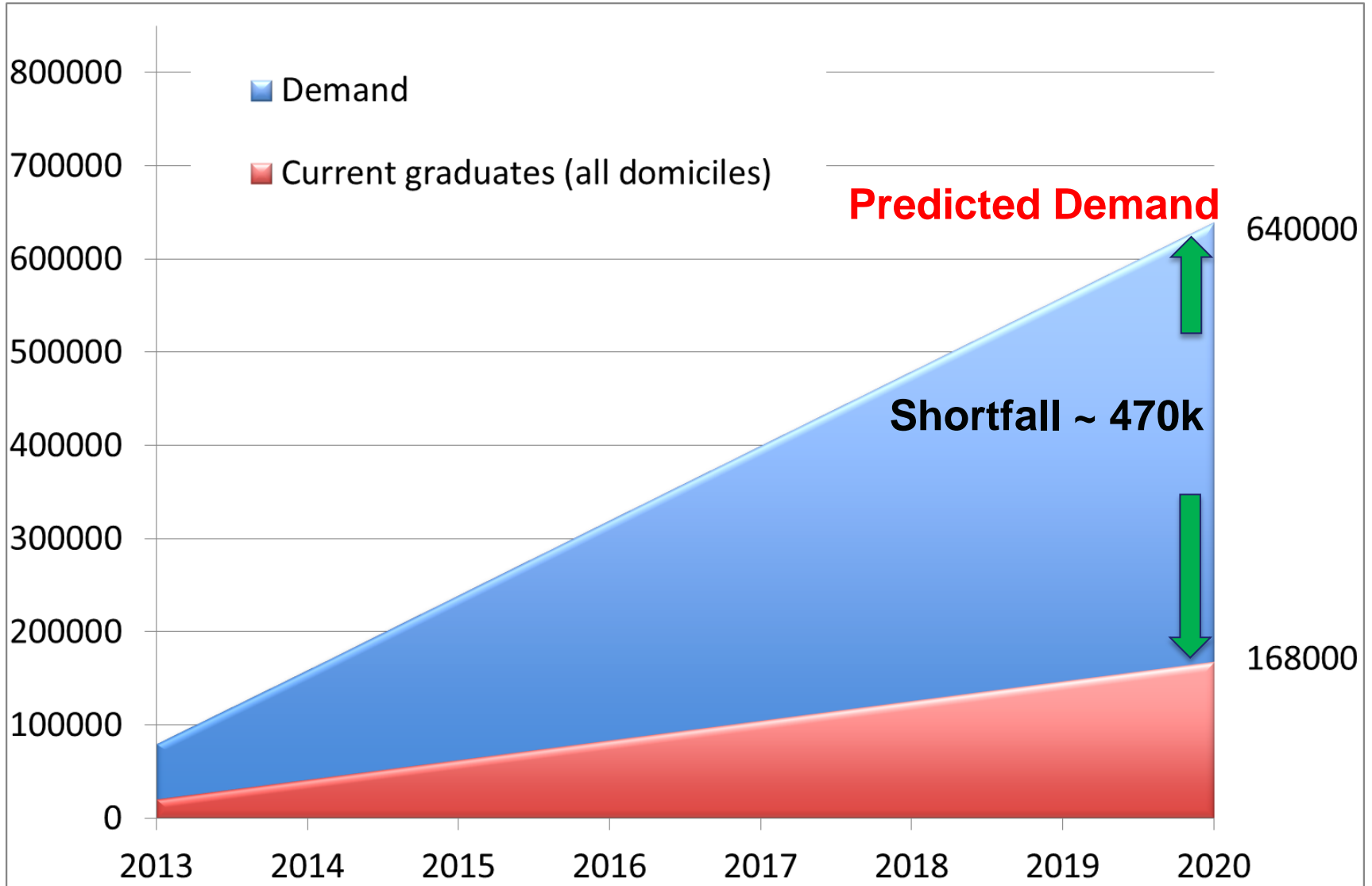


“Engineers build the world around us. They use science to solve problems”

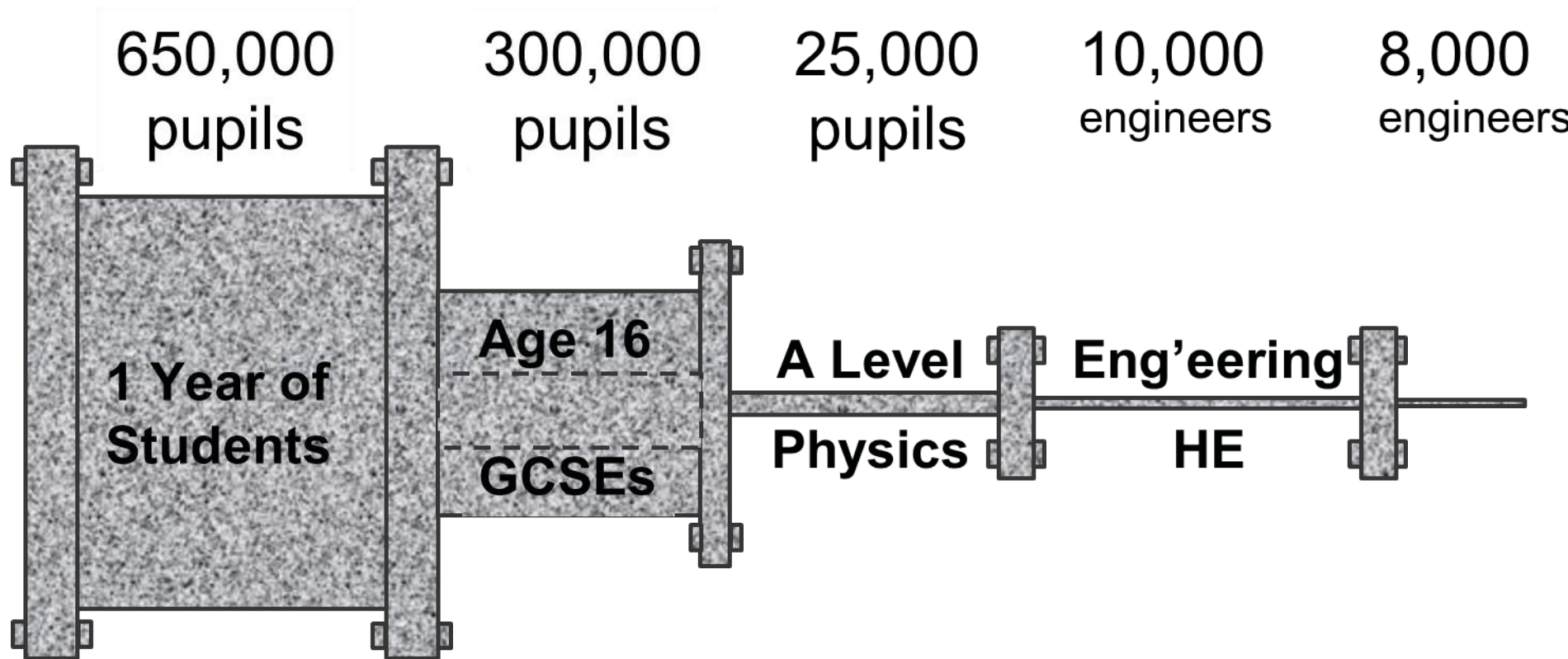
*Nina and the neurons, BBC CBeebies*



# Future demand for engineers



# UK engineering skills pipeline





**Tomorrow's  
Engineers**

**STEMNET**

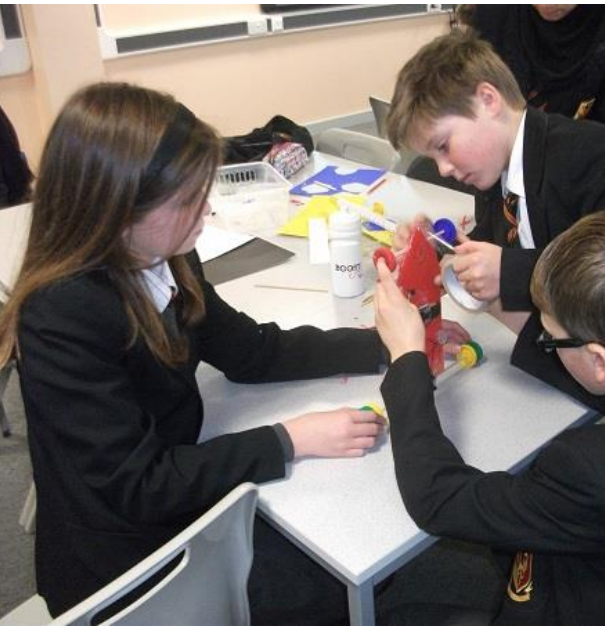
Science, Technology, Engineering  
and Mathematics Network





## Schools

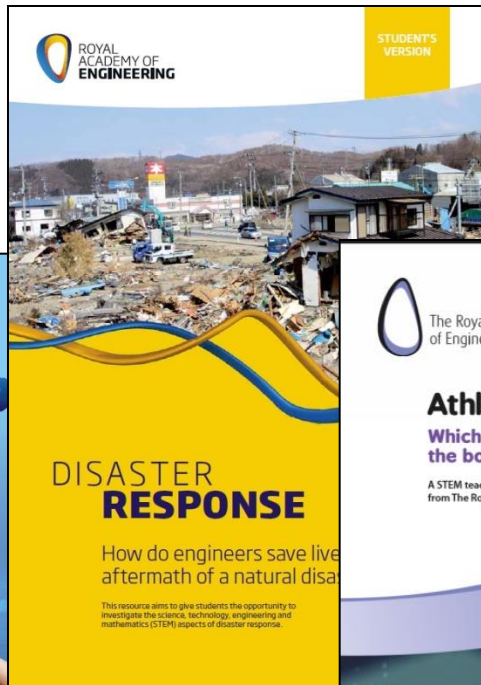
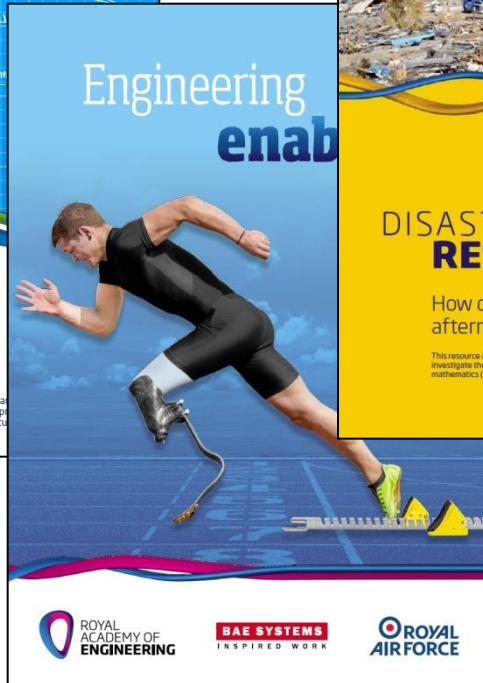
- Connecting STEM teachers - National Teachers Network
- Regional projects: South London, Swansea, Barrow-in-Furness, Stoke-on-Trent





## Schools

- Curriculum resource material development



# Engineer your future!

- 3 year interactive exhibition at the Science Museum
- Supported by industry and BIS
- Drawing on the Academy's *Thinking like an Engineer* report



Philip Avery  
Director of Learning & Strategy,  
Bohunt Education Trust  
*Why Engineering Habits of Mind at  
Bohunt School?*







*"We first make our habits, and then our habits make us."*

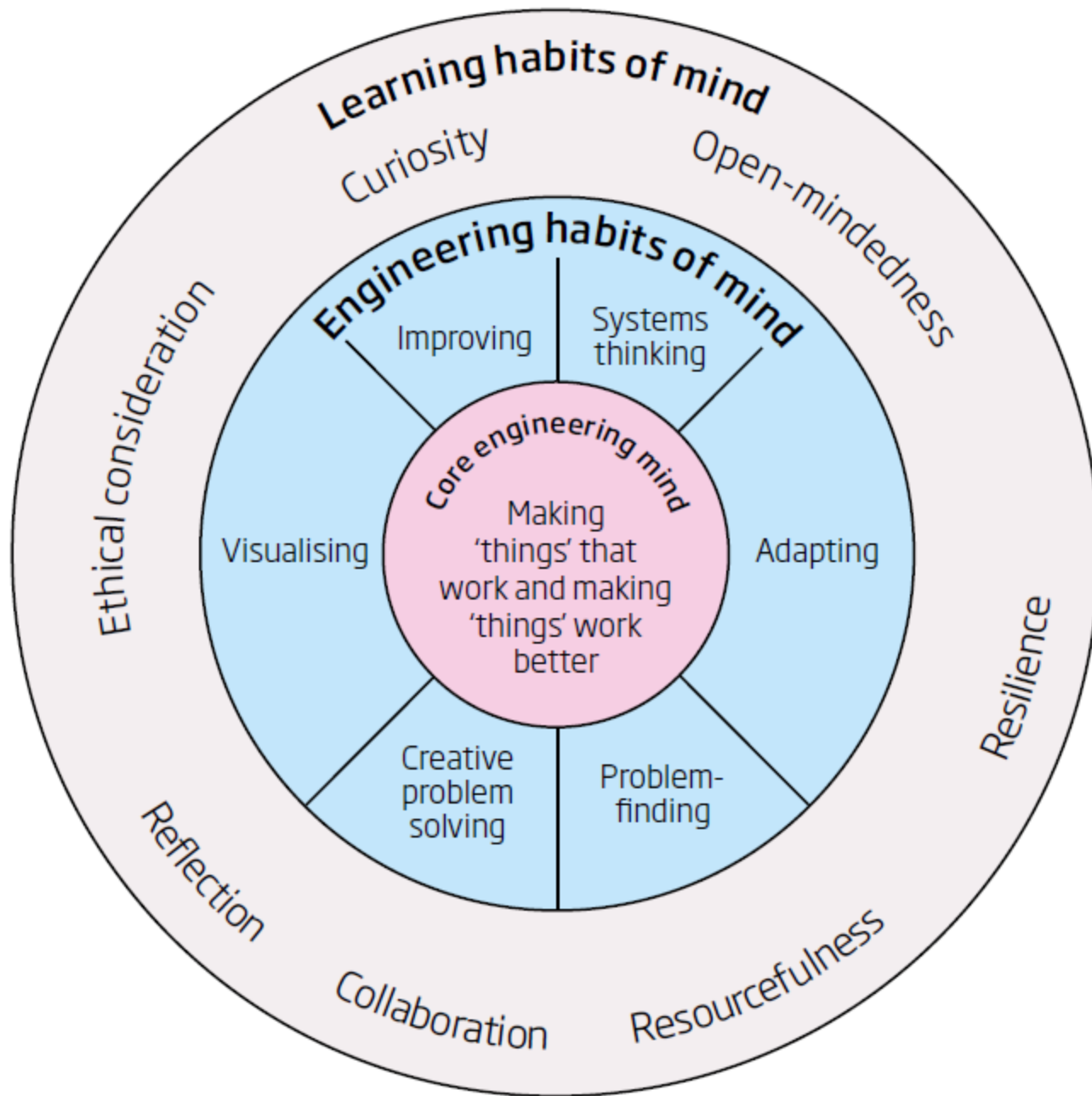


# How are we doing at Bohunt?

- **Attainment:** 87% 5A\*-C inc E&M, 1033 VA
- **Skills:** Immersion Language Teaching, iPad Band, Apps for Good
- **Ambition:** School's success, Growth Mindset, Chimp Paradox, Outdoor Programme, STEM Festival

# Attitudes and Interpersonal Skills

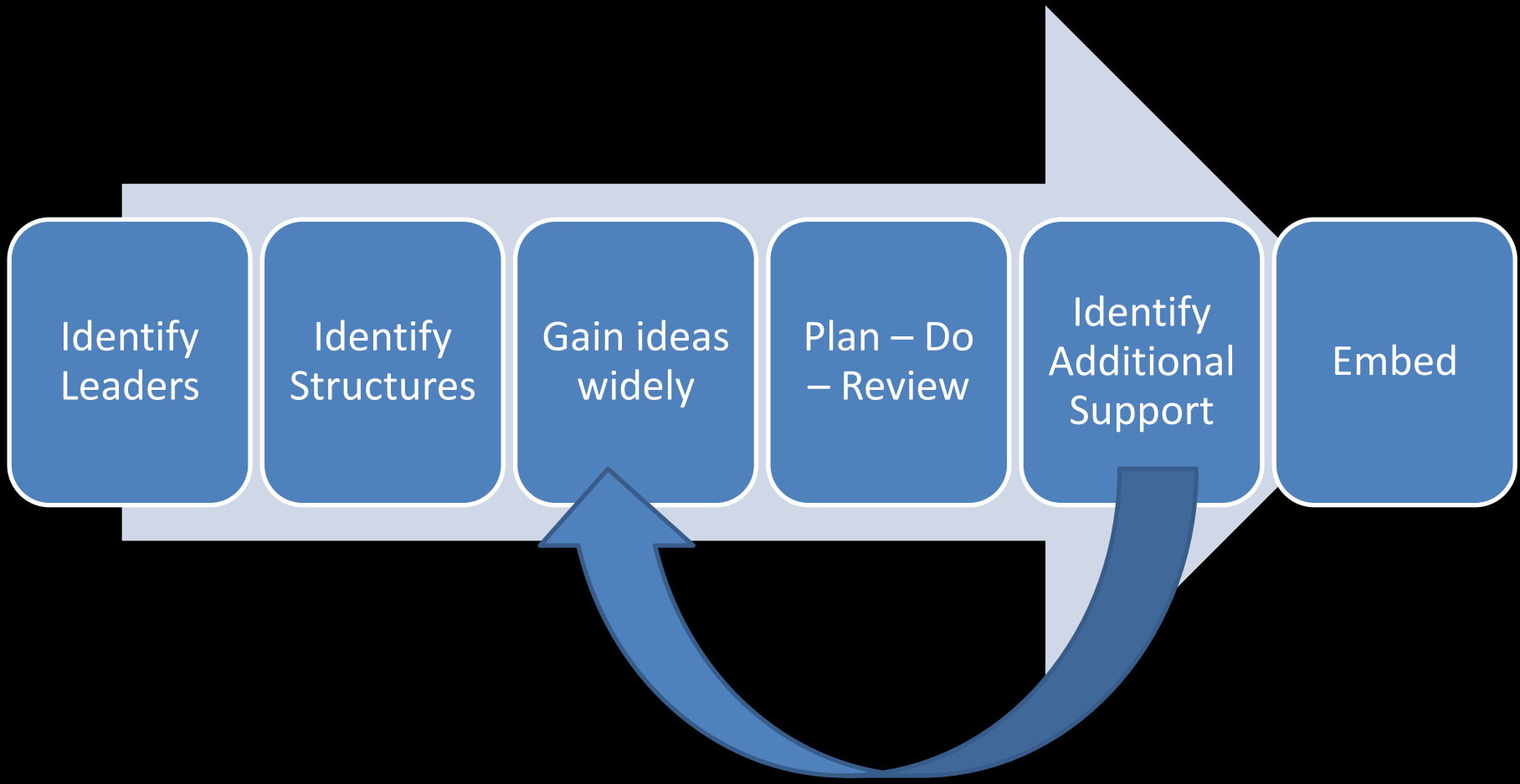
- STEM Curriculum:
  - Freedom as non-examined
  - Career focused and challenging as working in partnership with industry
  - Rigorous due to the structures put in place
- Advantages:
  - Experienced by all
  - Integration with Industry
  - Sustained focus





# Professional Development

- Change Teams
  - Every member of staff has 2 additional frees
  - 1 goes to Change Team work
  - 1 goes to Collaborative Learning Cluster work
- Collaborative Learning Clusters
  - 5 staff working together
  - Co-planning, observation, reflection
  - To answer a big question



## Engaging AND Effective

Trial & Improvement

Self-Discovery (play game and fix bugs)

DIRT marking (reflective analysis)

Challenge Based Learning

Guided Learning

Problem Solving

Competitive teamwork

Real life application

Assessment for Learning

Visualising

Problem finding

Questioning to establish CPS

Unexpected

Appropriate visual methods/aids

Creative coding

Here's the answer, what was the question?

Write your own questions

2D to 3D



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# EXPANSIVE EDUCATION NETWORK



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