

## PRESS RELEASE FEBRUARY 2019

### UTC Warrington joins NSAN



Pictured Above (l-r) Jo Tipa, Managing Director of NSAN presents Lee Barber, Principal and Chief Executive of UTC Warrington with their membership plaque.

### **NSAN are pleased to announce that UTC Warrington is the first University Technical College (UTC) to join our member network.**

The announcement was made during NSAN's Apprentice Knowledge Share event on the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019, which was kindly hosted by UTC Warrington.

NSAN works with companies and training providers from across the nuclear industry, to provide support and solutions to the skills issues experienced by those committed to the successful delivery of the planned (UK) nuclear programme.

The membership with NSAN further strengthens the UTC's links with the nuclear industry, which has support from NSAN member organisations such as Sellafield Ltd, Wood Nuclear Ltd, Cavendish Nuclear, Atkins and Nuvia.

The UTC was opened in 2016 to bridge the widening skills shortage faced in the engineering sectors. The college focuses on providing students with the knowledge to excel in STEM subjects, specifically engineering. Working with the local nuclear sector, students are provided with regular opportunities to engage with local companies to develop their professional skills and understanding of the careers available to them. In 2018, 30.2% of Sixth Form leavers secured a higher or degree apprenticeship with 29.3% going to university to study STEM related courses.

**Jo Tipa, Managing Director of NSAN commented:**

**“The UTC Warrington is already engaged with a number of our member companies, supporting apprenticeships and training students to become the future talent within the industry. I am delighted to welcome them as our first UTC member, and we look forward to working with them to strengthen their relationship with the nuclear companies in the locality.”**

**Lee Barber, Principal and Chief Executive of UTC Warrington commented:**

**“We are delighted to be growing the apprenticeship offer to young people in the North West by joining NSAN's member network. The UTC has a long-standing relationship with local STEM businesses and so it is a fantastic opportunity for us to collectively work**

**together to nurture the future innovators and leaders of the nuclear sector.**

**In September 2018, we launched our apprenticeship programme with Cavendish Nuclear and Wood PLC, growing our offer to the young people of Warrington. By joining NSAN, we are strengthening the position of Warrington as a leading STEM town for nuclear engineering.”**

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**Notes to editors**

NSAN is the go to place for skills for nuclear. A membership organisation, NSAN exists to improve the performance of companies in the nuclear industry through collaboration and action on skills. NSAN is aiding in improving skills in the nuclear industry by setting the highest standards of excellence, leading the sourcing and provision of skills solutions and expanding our sector’s capabilities. NSAN works collaboratively to deliver outstanding levels of service, enhancing the value we provide to members.

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