

**Brookfield School, Southampton  
Enterprise Days**

**Details**

Business: Carillion Building

Date(s): 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July 2005

Location: Southampton

Working with: Brookfield School,  
Southampton

**Business Benefits**

Raising the profile of Carillion with  
the local community

Positive employee participation

Promoting construction as a  
positive career choice

*On 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> of July, Tizzy Bowman & Caroline Ruler (of QAH Portsmouth site) attended Brookfield School in Sarisbury Green, Southampton to participate in their Enterprise Days for Year 10 students.*

Using the plastic MTa kits groups of 16 students were set a challenge to design, cost & build the tallest structure. Points were awarded for design, cost & stability as well as teamwork.

On the first day the exercise was carried out in the school playing field, unfortunately the weather wasn't the best & the students had to battle against moderate winds in their efforts to stabilise their towers.

Day two took us into the Main Hall as the wind had increased & this gave the students a different challenge, as we were more pedantic about design & cost as they didn't have the wind to battle with.

Some groups were quicker than others & when we had time left of our hour long session we got the students to make an obstacle course for their opponents. In one or two cases the boys were trying to make the obstacle courses very difficult for the girls at which point the rules were changed & they had to do their own obstacle course with all the challenges they had built into it!



All hands on the deck!



Getting to grips with the problem