





## Welcome

As a brand, Quickgrind is recognised as the technology benchmark in solid carbide cutting tool manufacture and development. Since our inception over 50 years ago, Quickgrind has strived to manufacture ground-breaking and world leading cutting tool innovations. Manufacturing and distributing our products to cutting-edge manufacturers in a variety of industry sectors in over 37 countries and educating clients on best practice application, education has always been part of our company DNA.

The entry point to the manufacturing industry is education. Whether it is through college, university, school or vocational on-the-job training, getting the fundamental steps of manufacturing practices is critical. Taking this into account, it is paramount that the best education, practices and products are available for the engineers of tomorrow – from day one.

When Quickgrind's cutting tool technology is introduced at grass roots level of the learning curve, you can rest assured that the next generation of engineers are going to be working with the very highest quality solid carbide cutting tools.

At Quickgrind, we feel it is a fundamental responsibility of industry to nurture and develop the engineers of tomorrow. We take our commitment to closing the potential skill gap

between academia and the fast-changing manufacturing sector very seriously.

Part of our business philosophy is to support and enrich the training of apprentices and students whilst delivering relevance to the ever changing industrial landscape. We aim to ensure nobody is denied access to the best that industry has to offer whilst on their road to a successful career in manufacturing.

At Quickgrind we are very actively involved with educational facilities throughout the UK and Ireland at all levels. Working in synergy with colleges and universities, the educational establishments and their students benefit from our extensive knowledge and quality of tooling.

We call this the Quest Programme, and we invite you to join us.



When educational facilities engage with us, they will receive the full support of the Quest (or Quickgrind Educational Support Team) Programme. Quest's Technical Support Engineers will educate staff and students alike in how to achieve optimal performance of cutting tools. They will visit your machine shop facility and review, report and implement best-practice with regard to improving applications and machining strategies. With so many parameters regarding material types, cutting strategies, the machine limitations, tool and workholding plus much more, our engineers will interact with students and apprentices and impart our decades of knowledge onto them, working alongside your educational staff and lecturers.





#### How does Quest work?

The Quest Programme works on a number of levels. We will supply our high performance cutting tools to your educational establishment at very cost effective prices with unsurpassed levels of support. These products are the benchmark in high-tech industry sectors such as the aerospace, motorsport & F1, automotive, mould & die, medical sector and many more. We do not supply 'inferior quality' products based on the assumption that 'it's only for students and apprentices.'

### QuickCam Facility

Along with the excellent quality of the cutting tools and technical support, Quickgrind can offer its unique QuickCam facility to improve CNC machining strategies. This CAD application facility can allow machine shops with 3, 4 and 5-axis CNC machine tools to run tool strategies in-line with manufacturing industry parameters. You can send us a model of your component or we will visit you on-site to look at your applications. This also gives students an insight and education on the use of industry leading application based CAD packages. This product has restrictions and limitations per facility and charges may apply.

#### QuickVend

When a college or university works with Quickgrind our aim is to install a QuickVend vending machine for quick access to tooling. Vending is now commonplace throughout industry and it has become an integral part of tool purchase, management and accounting. Introducing students to vending and even the possibility of adding it to the curriculum is advantageous for trainees and colleges. Vending exposes students and apprentices to industry methodologies that encompass inventory management, stock control, accounting and cost management as well as security and accountability for stock, all industry-applied strategies.

#### Goal

Our aim is to engage as many colleges, schools and universities in the Quest Programme as we possibly can throughout the UK and Ireland. By supporting the education sector we are fulfilling our responsibility to deliver the 'engineers of tomorrow' and this runs parallel to our philosophy and commitment to in-house training, innovation and development.

- Quality tooling at a cost effective price
  50% off all Quickgrind solid carbide products from day one
- Technical support for your engineering facilities
  Hands on support from industry experts
- CAD interface with engineering facilities
  Programming support where applicable
- QuickVend machines installed at your facility
  Free vending machine installed and tailored to each facility, integrated into college curriculum
- Cutting tool & machining strategy seminars
  Presentations, training sessions on finishing strategies, trochoidal milling and high feed cutting
  Optimised tooling tailored to suit your CNC machine tools
- Open Days at Tewkesbury
  We invite educational establishments for a tour of the Quickgrind facility to enable networking between Colleges and Universities as well as providing an industry insight for students

# Client endorsements



## **Newcastle Racing**

Sponsorship is something every Formula Student team requires and without the help of companies such as Quickgrind we wouldn't be able to compete. It's rare, however, to find an industrial partner that is as hands-on and supportive as Quickgrind. If you ask most teams around the paddock about their relationship with sponsors, you are likely to only hear about the cash injections they offer. However, Quickgrind gave us at Newcastle Racing much more than that. Their Quest Programme also supplied us with high-quality tools and expert technical support allowed us to learn about all aspects of machining, invaluable knowledge that can be applied throughout our future careers.

The excellent relationship that has developed between Newcastle Racing and Quickgrind is thanks to Graeme Hogg, who experienced the highs and lows of the 2017 Formula Student event first hand at Silverstone. It's not often that you find someone that is so passionate and willing to invest their own time to support our team. The whole weekend had a real feeling of great team spirit



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and we are proud that Quickgrind could be a part of it. We wouldn't have survived the rainy weekend without the company umbrellas and the Quickgrind balls, which served us well during the intra-team game of cricket on Sunday night. Both could be seen up and down the paddock by the end of the event!

All in all, this has been a great first year of partnership with Quickgrind and the team can't wait to develop the relationship further over the coming years. We can all agree that Quickgrind are more than a sponsor, they are also our friends. Thank you to Quest, and Quickgrind!

A 3rd year Engineering student, Newcastle University

# Our QUEST partners

Universities and colleges already benefiting from the Quest Programme include University of Strathclyde's Advanced Forming Research Centre (AFRC), the Advanced Manufacturing & Automation Centre (AMAC), University of Cambridge, Coleg Cambria, The University of Edinburgh, University of Glasgow, Kirklees College, Newcastle University, Training 2000, University of Wolverhampton and University of York.



To find out more about how you can join them please contact the Quest Programme Ambassador, Graeme Hogg on:

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## The University of Edinburgh

We have been working with Quickgrind since January 2017 since our introduction to the company by their Quest Programme Ambassador Graeme Hogg. We have had great success and have been delighted with the remanufacturing service we've received. We have also recently been discussing the use of conical barrel tools and the CAM support they offer to assist us in optimising our 5 axis machining capabilities.

Technical Support Officer, School of Engineering, The University of Edinburgh



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We have been really impressed with Quickgrind's innovative solutions to complex machining applications and their professional customer service. This partnership will further improve the quality of training our learners receive and allow us to work on future advanced machining projects.

Advanced Manufacturing Technician, AMAC























# **Technical Centre**

As part of our commitment to customer service and support excellence, Quickgrind has opened a state-of-the-art Technical Centre.

The new facility offers clients a comfortable and technologically advanced environment in which to discuss all their cutting tool requirements, challenges and ambitions.

Quickgrind is collaboratively working with Open Mind, CG Tech Vericut and other leading CAM vendors, and clients can work with Quickgrind experts to conduct trials on our new Mazak and Quaser machining centres whilst generating and running tool paths and machining strategies.

Our investment in the Centre and our many technical partnerships, including with our own QuickVend tool vending division, all enable us to demonstrate the realms of what is possible with our ground-breaking tooling and tool management solutions.

The Centre is fully equipped with a technical seminar theatre and training room that can accommodate more than 30 attendees. Everything you need to improve your machining performance

There are two meeting rooms, workstations for programming CAM strategies and toolpaths and of course the two machining centres for conducting trials and demonstrations. Additionally, visitors can take guided tours of the production facility and spend hours immersed in technical training and discussions with our cutting tool, vending, CAM and machining experts, all in a pleasant and comfortable setting that is equipped with everything you need to improve your machining performance.

# Contact us today to arrange a visit

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