

Our F1 In Schools 2017/18 Experience

It has been an intense year and a bit! When the team formed last May we never knew what we were getting ourselves into. F1 In Schools has become such a huge part of all of our lives. We have put so much time and effort into the competition. On the run up to the world final competition we spent more time in school than we did at home at points. The CDT department of our school became our home, and the team became a family. All of the hard work has really payed off and helped us all. Competing has helped every member of our team develop new, useful skills which they can apply to their school work, everyday life and to their future careers. We have also gained experience of using professional soft wares and computer programs used in higher education and in the STEM and design industry. The F1 In Schools Challenge is such an interesting, hands on way to learn. It is so different to the classroom environment. We feel so lucky to have had the opportunity to be part of F1 In Schools and learn in this way.

World Final Singapore 2018

We had an amazing time in Singapore at the world final. The competition was challenging and exciting, just like real formula one. There were four long days of intense competition where we delivered verbal presentations, built our exhibition stand, raced our car, our folios and marketing strategy were judged and our car was scrutinised by a panel of judges. After the competition was over all of the teams gathered for the award ceremony. Unfortunately we did not bring home any trophies. We were nominated for the "Women In Engineering Award" which we are really happy about however, the lovely girls from Dex-Rac-Racing took this trophy home to Malaysia. We had a fantastic night regardless and we are so grateful to have made it to the World Final. We are incredibly proud of the trophies we managed to achieve at our Regional and National competitions. We are proud to have been awarded 'Best Engineered Car' and 2nd Place at Regionals and 'Best Pit Display' at Nationals. We can also still call ourselves The Scottish Champions until next season, we are excited to see which new Scottish team takes our title.



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After The Competition

When the competition was over we still had six days left in Singapore. In this time we did lots of fun, interesting things. We had the chance to experience the local food, some of us absolutely loved it and the fussy eaters stuck to eating McDonalds and pizza. We spent a lot of time swimming at the hotel pool and there was even a private pool party, for all of the team members at a local water park. We visited the aquarium, Singapore's largest shopping centre and Universal Studios. We had a fantastic time at Universal, exploring the park with the other teams. Nicole, Megan and Katie even rode the world's tallest roller coaster...three times. During our stay we were also invited to visit the British High Commissioner of Singapore at his beautiful home, along with all of the other teams representing Britain. He was delighted to see so many British teams competing as he is very interested in the competition, it was lovely to meet him. The best experience we had during those six days was definitely the Grand Prix, by far. F1 In Schools organised a pit lane walk on the Thursday and then we watched the race, from the Bay Grand Stand on the Saturday and Sunday. It was the perfect way to end our trip, getting to watch the real formula one teams in action.



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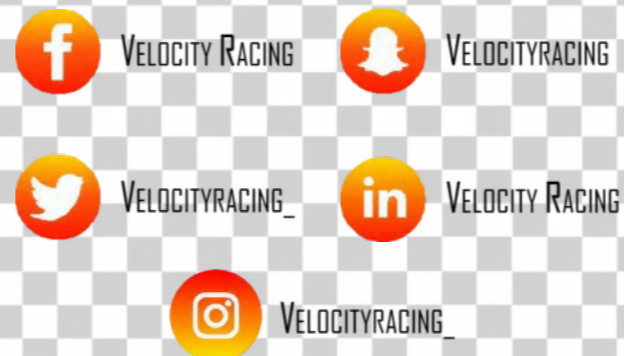
We had such an incredible experience this season and don't want our F1 In Schools career to be over, so we plan to compete again. We know that we have the potential to achieve even more next time and we are raring to go and work hard for it. However as it stands, we are taking a year off to focus on exams and plan to return to F1 In Schools for the 2019/20 season. We may return as Velocity Racing, or under a new name, brand e.t.c who knows? We are so grateful to all of our partners/sponsors who have helped us on our road to Singapore and we would be delighted to partner with them again. We plan to make some exciting additions to our Return on Investment packages. If you are interested in supporting us again in the 2019/20 season please let us know and we will make sure to keep in contact!

Our Unplanned Advetures in Dubai

On the 16th of September we began our journey home to Scotland. We reluctantly packed our cases and made our way to the airport. The journey didn't quite go to plan, our flight from Singapore to Dubai was delayed which we missed our connecting flight from Dubai to Glasgow. The next flight home wasn't until the next day so we spent some time in Dubai. We checked into our hotel, ate some dinner and fell asleep, exhausted from travelling. The next morning we made the most of the two hours before our check in time. We went on a quick tour of Dubai where we enjoyed looking at the amazing architecture and even got to visit Juhmeirah beach. Although we weren't in Dubai for long we got to see a lot of the city and really enjoyed it. We had a great time but we were happy when we finally arrived home to our families on the 18th, a day later than planned.



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Young People and Women In STEM

Although we are taking a break from the competition, we will continue to promote young people and females in STEM. This is something which we are extremely passionate about. Updates of this will be posted on our social media as well as some more photos from our trip. We will definitely not be as active on social media as we have been while competing but keep watching for some good stuff. We have plans in place to visit our local primary schools, colleges and universities to tell our story and promote women in STEM. We are always looking to get involved in things like this and so if you know of any events of this nature then please let us know how we can get involved.



We want to take the opportunity to thank all of our partners again, for supporting us on our journey to Singapore. We could not have done it without the help of all of these amazing companies. Every company we have partnered with has given us extremely valuable resources which have made such a difference. At first it was a struggle to find companies to partner with and it was pretty nerve racking to approach them. But once we built up our confidence and found the right approach, we were delighted to see so many companies eager to help us out. It was also fantastic to experience such encouragement and excitement from our partners at the fact that we are representing females in STEM. Many of our partners are in the STEM industry and they were expressing to us that they want more females to join the industry. We hope to see this happen in the near future and like we have said, we hope that our team has made a difference and we will continue to work towards this. We hope that our partners will keep in touch with us and hopefully work with the team in the 2018/19 season.

 Many Thanks,
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