

## British Steel Challenge

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British Steel, in general, and Corby Works, in particular, have always been keen to support educational projects and local schools. 'The Challenge' was seen to have great potential in providing resources which could be very exciting and useful in delivering the National Curriculum.

A headteacher was seconded by British Steel to develop a package that would:

- a. have tangible benefits to students and staff;
- b. encourage an interactive approach to learning;
- c. support equal opportunities;
- d. support a range of classroom approaches;
- e. allow access of a broad range of students;
- f. provide a lasting education/industry partnership.

The package was launched nationally in June 1992, and the information was disseminated to schools in the Corby area through the local 'Industry Matters Group'. There was great delight when 10 schools volunteered to participate in the project.

British Steel at Corby and the Education Business Partnership Department of the Northants Training and Enterprise Council provided equal funding and the project was managed by the Corby Industry Matters Group.

The money was allocated to:

- a. send a party of 50 children and staff to Southampton prior to the start of the race;
- b. support the schools in following the race;
- c. celebrate the end of the race with a public exhibition of their work.

The support in following the race was given by funding hardware/software and some British Telecom call costs for Campus 2000 in each school or in the case of smaller schools to provide materials or transport costs for models or visits. Each school with Campus 2000 was asked to attempt to link with other schools so that 'The Challenge' project could be beneficial beyond the race.

We have had some tremendous fun and co-operation during a very successful partnership. We are now busily planning 'The Great Exhibition'!

The British Steel Challenge at Studfall Junior School

Katy Hamilton

Studfall Junior School  
Northamptonshire

A model harbour