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AIDAN COTTINGHAM FROM VOLVO TRUCK AND BUS CENTRE NORTH & SCOTLAND WINS VOLVO TRUCKS' APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR AWARD 2019

Aidan Cottingham, representing the Lancaster dealerpoint of Volvo Truck and Bus Centre North & Scotland has won the prestigious Jim Keyden award as Volvo Trucks' Apprentice of the Year 2019. He was presented with the impressive trophy by Robert Grozdanovski, the new Managing Director of Volvo Trucks UK & Ireland at the annual Apprentice Awards ceremony, held recently at The McLaren Technology Centre near Woking.

Robert Grozdanovski also presented several other key prizes including this year's Highest Academic Achiever Award, which was won by Luke Hopkins from the Pontypridd dealerpoint, of Truck & Bus Wales & West and the Highest Vocational Achiever Award, which was presented to Michael Lawrence of Thomas Hardie Commercials' Liverpool dealerpoint.

The 'Grafter' Award was presented to winner Luke Maylin of the Wellingborough dealerpoint of Volvo Truck and Bus Centre East Anglia by Matthew Eisenegger, editor of award sponsor, 'CV Driver' magazine.

The Volvo Apprentice Academy, described by Volvo Group Trucks' UK & Ireland Managing Director, Robert Grozdanovski as: *"The best and most advanced truck manufacturers' Apprentice Programme in the UK,"* celebrates its twenty-third anniversary this year.

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Volvo Trucks UK & Ireland provides complete transport solutions for professional and demanding customers by offering a full range of medium to heavy duty trucks through a network of 85 dealerpoints, as well as solutions for financing and service. Based in Warwick, Volvo Trucks delivered more than 6,300 trucks In 2018. The company is part of the AB Volvo Group, which is headquartered in Gothenburg, Sweden and is one of the world's leading manufacturers of trucks, buses and construction equipment, drive systems for marine and industrial applications, aerospace components and services. All the Group's activities are based on its core values of quality, safety and environmental care.



Caption for photographs :

1. *Aidan Cottingham (centre) receiving the Jim Keyden Award as Volvo Trucks' Apprentice of the Year Award from Robert Grozdanovski, Managing Director (left) and Ian Wrench, Retail Development Director - both of Volvo Trucks UK & Ireland - at the McLaren Technology Centre in Woking.*
2. *'Highest Academic Achiever' was Luke Hopkins (centre) of Truck & Bus Wales & West in Pontypridd with Robert Grozdanovski, Managing Director (left) and Ian Wrench, Retail Development Director, both of Volvo Trucks UK & Ireland.*

Notes for Editors :

1. The Volvo Trucks Commercial Academy Apprenticeship Programme was launched in 1995.
2. The Volvo Trucks Apprentice Programme is delivered over four years of 'block' attendance at Stephenson College, based in Coalville, Leicestershire, who are long-term partners of the programme.
3. Since 1996, over 800 apprentices have graduated from the Volvo Trucks Apprentice Programme and today there are over 1,500 skilled Technicians in the Volvo UK and Ireland dealer network.
4. The Jim Keyden Award is awarded annually to the graduating Apprentice of the Year and named in honour of Jim Keyden, who along with Jim McKelvie, founded Ailsa Trucks in Barrhead, Scotland in 1967 (Ailsa Trucks were the sole importers of Volvo Trucks for the UK and Ireland before being bought out by Volvo themselves in 1975).

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