

Melissa engineers university success

A HIGH-FLYING Huntly student is celebrating life in the fast track after receiving her degree with merit and securing a job straight out of university.

Melissa Morrison (22) picked up her MEng in electrical and electronic engineering from Robert Gordon University (RGU) which she completed in four years as part of the university's fast track programme.

The former Gordon Schools pupil was awarded a scholarship in her second year by Sparrows Offshore and has now secured a job with the company as an engineer.

She said: "I really enjoyed my time at RGU. I've been lucky to have met so many of my friends here through my course.

"Doing my degree has helped me develop personally and professionally. I feel I have gained confidence in myself and my capabilities. I have



Melissa Morrison at her graduation ceremony at RGU.

built up transferable skills as well as knowledge to take with me into an engineering role in industry.

"There were many aspects of the course I found challenging but that was kind of expected at the beginning as you can't expect to get the end result

without a challenge.

"This was what made the course interesting and being at university puts the responsibility on yourself. I think you definitely get out of it what you put in."

Miss Morrison did not think of engineering as a potential

career opportunity until her final year at secondary school.

She said: "I was always set on studying architecture and was interested in design and the built environment but I would never go back on the decision I made.

"You do have to put up with being in a male dominated environment but that didn't bother me and there are more girls choosing to study engineering.

Talking about how the scholarship with Sparrows Offshore helped her, Miss Morrison said: "The placements in particular were of a huge benefit as I was able to gain industrial experience which is invaluable in helping me develop as an engineer, giving me knowledge and skills I wouldn't gain from university.

"It also allowed me to gain contacts from the industry and source my masters project from within Sparrows."