



## in Schools

# Amy Martin

### KEY FACTS

**Current role:** Finance Graduate

**Company:** Mercedes AMG HPP

**Country:** F1® in Schools UK

**Years competing:** 2013 - 2016

**School:** Denbigh High School

Now working in the Finance department of Mercedes AMG HPP, Amy's F1® in Schools journey has taken her from being part of two-time World Finalists Tachyon to her dream career within an F1® team. With some fantastic highlights on the way, including being accepted to the highly competitive Williams Engineering Academy, studying at Warwick University, and securing a work placement at the multinational financial services company, Wells Fargo, Amy is a brilliant example of what is possible when you grasp the opportunities F1 in Schools provides with both hands.

CASE STUDY

## STARTING SOMETHING SPECIAL

"I was first introduced to F1 in Schools when I was fourteen. My Design & Technology teacher approached me with an exciting proposition - to form a team and potentially compete at the competition's 2015 World Finals in Singapore! Instantly captivated, I assembled a group of three girls, and thus, our F1 in Schools team, Tachyon, was born. The competition proved to be incredibly addictive, propelling us all the way to the World Finals in our first season. Winning an award fuelled our enthusiasm, prompting us to pursue and secure a place at the 2016 World Finals in Austin, Texas."

## A TRANSFORMATIVE JOURNEY

"The F1 in Schools competition became a transformative journey, imparting a diverse range of skills - both technical and personal. We learned how to network and collaborate with industry professionals, articulate complex ideas to judges, and even convey scientific concepts to primary school children. It provided me with a newfound level of confidence and knowledge, delving into scientific principles beyond the confines of my school curriculum.

Leading my team to two World Finals, we clinched the Sponsorship and Marketing Award consecutively at both events. Additionally, we secured the Verbal Presentation Award and the Women in Motorsport Award in 2016. During the 2016 World Finals, I was selected to join the Williams Engineering Academy, affording me the incredible opportunity of one-on-one mentorship with various members of the Williams workforce over six years, as well as participating in a weeklong work experience in the model shop during the summer of 2017."

## BELIEVE IN YOURSELF

"Even during my university years studying Systems Engineering, I remained dedicated to supporting the F1 in Schools competition. This commitment involved judging at National and World Finals events, as well as co-hosting alongside F1 Esports presenter Tom Deacon at multiple UK National Finals and three World Finals. Leveraging the skills honed through the competition, I successfully landed a position as a Finance Graduate at Mercedes AMG HPP in July 2023.

My advice to students embarking on the F1 in Schools journey is to step out of your comfort zone and embrace risks. Despite studying Systems Engineering at Warwick University, my placement year in the Corporate Banking sector at Wells Fargo was a pivotal detour. Had I not taken that chance to explore something new, I wouldn't be where I am today. And prior to the virtual World Finals in 2021, I had never presented or hosted an event, but drawing on the skills developed in F1 in Schools, I believed in myself and proved that preparation goes beyond what you might feel ready for - always believe in yourself and take the leap!"



World Finals 2016



Tachyon's car



Hosting at an F1® in Schools Event

**"** Taking part in F1 in Schools rounded me as a person. It gave me resilience, confidence, and determination; it taught me the importance of never giving up, and the need to pick yourself up if something knocks you down.

And seven years after first falling in love with F1 through F1 in Schools, I secured my dream career at Mercedes AMG HPP. I truly owe where and who I am now to the competition. **"**