

As a reward for his stellar season in the 2012 World Rally Championship (WRC) Academy, Brendan was rewarded by M-Sport with a one hour test in a Ford Fiesta RS WRC in the UK yesterday. After first being shown the tricks of the trade by FIA WRC regular, Matthew Wilson, Brendan then got behind the wheel himself. Tackling a 2km stage of broken asphalt and loose gravel, the experience served as a taster and made Brendan even more determined to secure a drive in a World Rally Car in the future.

He commented, “Today was amazing – a big thanks to M-Sport for letting me drive the car [Ford Fiesta RS WRC] as I’ve always wanted the chance to get behind the wheel of a world car. I went to one of Ken Block’s tests this year and sat in with him, but to actually get behind the wheel, get a feel of the car and understand all the engineering that goes into it was amazing.

“It is such a simple car to drive, but I think to drive on the limit would be another experience. Having the test drive makes me want to compete with one even more. I would be in one now if I could, but I think there’s a lot of work before we can make that a reality just yet.

“We didn’t have the best end to the season, so to turn it around and come here with the chance to drive a car like this was just incredible. I really enjoyed the whole experience.”

After the test, Brendan recorded his thoughts about the experience. Listen to the audio [here](#) .