

Academy members get early go in Fiesta

Most of the drivers and co-drivers competing in the 2011 WRC Academy experienced the Ford Fiesta R2 in a special training course at M-Sport's Cumbria headquarters last week.

In addition to receiving off-track seminars, each driver got a chance to drive an R2 Fiesta over an airfield test with tuition from former Production world champion Niall McShea. The sessions came ahead of the start of the new series on Rally Portugal next weekend.

Irish ace Craig Breen said: "There wasn't much we could learn from the airfield run with gravel dampers, but I know the car from doing the FSTI so I'm feeling pretty good for Portugal."

Breen: confident about Portugal

