



'NEXT GENERATION ENGINEERS' STUDENTS VISIT NSK BEARINGS IN PETERLEE

As part of our Next Generation Engineers programme, we have excellent links with a number of local engineering companies including NSK Bearings in Peterlee, part of the global engineering company NSK, which manufactures bearings for the car industry.

On a recent visit to their site, HR Manager Lisa Hirst gave a presentation to our students which explained the different bearings manufactured there and the types of engineering which takes place on site. Looking at future careers, she explained what NSK is looking for in students applying for its apprenticeships in either mechanical or electrical engineering. The progression routes were also discussed offering fantastic opportunities for apprentices to

develop and specialise in various areas.

One of our past students, Josh Daniel, has recently completed his four-year apprenticeship as a mechanical engineer with NSK and was available to meet and chat with students. Josh talked about his apprenticeship after leaving Durham Sixth Form Centre, outlining his training and the opportunities to travel and work in Poland and Japan, where he has been involved in commissioned new technology.

After the presentation, our students then changed into personal safety clothing such as hard hats, safety glasses and high visible jackets and overshoes, before going on a tour of the plant to see the production lines in action. The students were fascinated with all the automated and high technology production areas

they visited and were able to ask the site engineer Malcolm Waites any questions about the facilities. Since the visit, two of our students have already put in applications for the NSK apprenticeship programme and we wish them every success in the application process.

Our Next Generation Engineers programme continues with visits to Nissan, the Aviation Academy and the Rail Academy among others, as well as an engineering conference and visits from local companies to our careers fairs. For any students who are interested in getting involved in the programme, please contact Mrs Kirkpatrick or Ms Rayner, CEIAG Managers, who are based in the Resource Centre.



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