

Year 10 Visit to GSK (Stevenage)



16th May 2023

Year 10 students were taken by Hailey Hall transport to GSK in Stevenage. This is part of Hailey Hall's ongoing commitment to giving our students every opportunity in seeing what possible career pathways they may wish to consider in STEM subjects.

This is in accordance with Gatsby Benchmarks 5 as follows,

Gatsby Benchmark 5, Encounters with Employers and Employees

The following is a quote from the official GSK website,

“We are a science-led global healthcare company with a special purpose: to help people do more, feel better, and live longer. We have 3 global businesses that research, develop and manufacture innovative pharmaceutical medicines, vaccines, and consumer healthcare products.”



We were met at the reception by our hosts Davina, Emily, and Bimali, and students and staff were issued their identification badges.

We then went to a function room where students were split into 2 groups for a tour of the facilities.



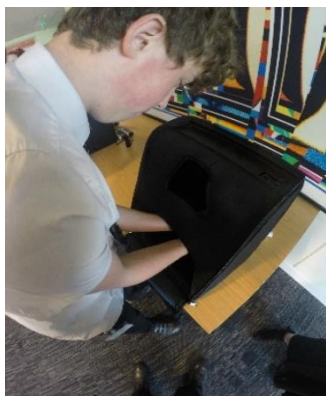
After a short tour, the students returned to the function room and in their groups worked as teams and engaged in the following activities,

The first involved seeing how their hands are covered in bacteria even though they have washed them. Their hands were covered in a special soap and then placed in a special blue light box that showed that in fact how dirty their hands were after several washes, this was a surprise to all students and staff.

The second was a human skeleton split into many Velcro parts, they again worked as a team to put it together and complete it, the boys took in their science and Sports knowledge and put it together successfully.

The third was organs of the body, again they were given organs that were not connected to the body and put back in the right order and space.

The fourth was using pipettes and seeing how a scientist can perform many experiments in small trays with lots of different size trays with over 1000 holes, the students were given the chance to use different sizes and put liquid into the right tray sizes.



After the activities, the students could stretch their legs and walk to the GSK sports pavilion, they saw onsite facilities for the staff that they can use in their spare time such as Squash, Cycles and varied Gym equipment.

Davina spoke briefly to the students about career opportunities and possible career pathways post-16. In GSK.

In the end, the students thanked Davina and her colleagues for our visit and then returned to Hailey Hall and resumed their normal timetables.

Quote from our Host Davina,

“Thanks for coming to Stevenage today, it was a pleasure to host you all. I hope the boys enjoyed it and was more suited to them this time. I had lovely conversations with some of them on the way around, and most were engaged and seemed to be enjoying themselves.”

The students were engaged throughout the visit and behaved well in the strange environment that involved many scientific and technical areas.

Thanks for the support from Paul Foster, Amy Martin, Sean O’Sullivan, and Sherrie Riggins

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