

ENGINEERING INSIGHT DAY

INDUSTRY: ENGINEERING & MANUFACTURING

ACTIVITY: SITE VISIT & CAREER INSIGHT

ORGANISATION: EMTELLE, MAINETTI & STARRETT

SCHOOL: HAWICK, BERWICKSHIRE & KELSO HIGH SCHOOLS

During #ScotAppWeek20, DYW Borders in partnership with Border Engineering Training Association (BETA) held an Engineering Insight day at three local manufacturing factories in Jedburgh. S2 pupils who had an interest in engineering and manufacturing were invited along to speak to current apprentices and staff as well as receive a tour of each factory.



David Miller
Group Training Manager
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"By visiting the three sites it permitted the learners to see several different types of jobs/careers the apprentices can chose from within Engineering Maintenance and Engineering manufacture. Each factory demonstrated a different manufacturing process, Extrusion moulding, Injection moulding and Material removal processes along with hardening and tempering of metals. Pupils also had the chance to see the high precision work being carried out to manufacture and assemble the optical projectors which are used in industry to measure parts."



Pupils from Hawick, Berwickshire and Kelso High School attended. The day was designed to familiarise pupils with the apprenticeship family and routes into an engineering or manufacturing job role.

The day began with pupils arriving at Mainetti, a well-known garment hanger manufacturer, where they were given an inspiring introduction and then divided into three groups who would rotate around the three premises. The other factory tours included Emtelle, who produces various diameters and lengths of plastic pipes through a process known as plastic extrusion and The L. S. Starrett Co, who produces a large variety of saws.

Pupils left the visit having a much better understanding as to how manufacturing businesses operate, the career opportunities that lie within them and how an apprenticeship in the engineering field is a great career choice that can lead you in to a managerial or senior position through time.



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