

STEM DAY

On Thursday at Farrington school Y8 pupils were involved in a whole day STEM activity. This saw five different organisations coming into school and giving the pupils first-hand experience at what it is like to work in their fields.

Accenture, one of the biggest employers of digital skills in Europe, arrived with modified raspberry pie computers to show the students how to program in Minecraft.

The Army were in to give the students a crash course in teamwork, leadership and practical problem solving.

Leibherr, one of the world's largest engineering companies, gave students the opportunity to experience welding, create their own wiring and build 3d models.

The RAF engineers ran a workshop on how to build and improve paper planes modelling the skills and perseverance required to be a successful engineer.

Thorn Lighting provided the expertise and experience to engage pupils with a talk and demonstration showing how light is made in modern lighting setups.

The day was designed to give them an insight into the opportunities available to them in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics the feedback from the employers was particularly encouraging as they said that it was good to see such an engaged and interested group of pupils and they were looking forwards to their apprenticeship applications in a few years.

Feedback from pupils have been good with some of them christening their planes and asking how they can get the tools to create their own Minecraft systems. Zoe of news team told us, "It was a fun day, with a lot of amazing people who have given up their time to show us all the opportunities

there are and organised a lot of fun activities to help us build our confidence and teamwork skills."

