

Symington's Visit Report – November 2017



On Wednesday 8th November, 15 of our Year 8 students got the opportunity to take part in a visit to the nearby Symington's factory, where many of their favourite household food brands are produced, including *Mug Shot*, *Aunt Bessie's*, *Chicken Tonight* and *Golden Wonder*!

After arriving at the factory and being introduced to our host for the day, Emma Robinson of Symington's, the students were split up into two groups and took turns taking part in activities teaching them about the wide variety of products that Symington's produce and the different countries that they source their ingredients from, as well as getting the opportunity to take a tour of the factory itself and learn all about the different machinery within the plant and how it helps the staff at Symington's to get their food from concept to the dinner table! As you can see from the photos, we also got the opportunity to improve our knowledge of health and safety in the workplace and try on some trendy new hairnets and other PPE!

In addition to the factory tour, the students were lucky enough to take part in a question and answer session with some of the employees from Tesco, who are a customer of Symington's – all of the students asked thoughtful and insightful questions about careers in the food manufacturing industry and learned a lot about the different job roles involved in producing our food, as well as what working life may be like once they finish school!

All of the students gave extremely positive feedback about the event and came away with a greater knowledge of how the food that they eat every day is produced – we look forward to welcoming the team at Symington's to The Ruth Gorse Academy later in the academic year for part two of this project, where the students will learn more about health and safety in the workplace, food contamination and get the chance to pitch their own ideas to the company!