

60 students attend Space Camp 2018

As part of the UK's 60th Anniversary celebrations focusing on STEM and the community, a total of 60 students aged 11-13 were selected from six schools near to our Hull, Carrington and Didcot plants to take part in our amazing project, Space Camp 2018.

Working with education consultancy 'hi-impact', the project commenced with interactive workshops at each of the schools. Sixty lucky junior 'AirStronauts' then experienced four nights camping under the stars in Welshpool, Wales learning all there is to know about space and science from a team of experts from around the globe.

There were activities galore including hands-on sessions from astronaut in training, Dr Jackie Bell; BBC Stargazing Live presenter, Mark Thompson; astrophysicists Dr Megan Argo and Dr Steve Croft; LIN demos from our Science Ambassador Mally Davison; and rocket building and launching with the RAF. The week was capped off with a series of exciting space balloon launches that sent the students' experiments up to the outer edges of the atmosphere. With cameras and computers strapped to each balloon, the students tracked their rise and fall back down to earth; chasing them through the countryside to retrieve their experiments.

The feedback from the students and teachers was very positive with an overall score of 9.1 out of 10 for the event.

Not only is it our 60th Anniversary in the UK but it is also NASA's 60th birthday this year too, so what better way to mark the occasion than with Space Camp 2018. A short video gives an overview of Space Camp including the aims of the projects and why inspiring the next generation of scientists and engineers is so important to Air Products.



a short video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eczaaPEgubE>