STEAM careers in the Fruit Industry

KS4 and KS5 students from four Kent Secondary Schools attended the National Fruit show to discover the importance of STEAM subjects within the fruit industry.

The 55 students were able enjoy a variety of STEAM focused workshops, such as taking a gear box apart, testing fruit for sugars, designing packaging, and identifying the parts of plants before using specifically designed careers information cards to find out more.

‘Thank you for arranging our visit to the National Fruit show this morning. The students really appreciated the activities, and they loved going around the different stalls chatting to the people on them. They found it really beneficial, and it really opened their eyes. It was quite a privilege for them to attend such a unique event and they loved it. They were buzzing in the minibus on the way back to school – they particularly enjoyed the freebies too that did make them feel very special.’

Mr Gary Simm, STEM Coordinator
St Simon Stock Catholic School

100% of students, when questioned, felt that the visit had opened their eyes to new career opportunities that they had not previously thought of, and felt that a career in the food and farming industry was something that they could now consider.