

Think big: think print!

We were delighted to welcome BCQ into a joint Year 11 and CFE assembly on 25 January 2016, to tell us about the printing industry and the career opportunities available within it.

BCQ are based in Buckingham and offer a wide range of print and media solutions. Established 40 years ago, they now have 120 members of staff across several sites. Their clients include some very well-known names: Honda, Jaguar and Marks & Spencer.

In the assembly, they played a video showing all the various aspects of printing, from the design process, to the product being manufactured then made ready for despatch. Managing Director, Chris Knowles, emphasised how integral print is to our everyday lives, pointing out that without the capacity to print we wouldn't have money, books, newspapers, posters or magazines. Due to the high demand for items that require printed components, mobile phone circuit boards, for example, the technology being used in the print industry is constantly advancing and progressing, making it an exciting industry work in!



BCQ have a strong track record of recruiting apprentices into their business and retaining them once qualified. Several people who started with them as apprentices more than 20 years ago are still working there today! Now they are team leaders and managers. They also employ several former Buckingham School students, including a current apprentice who is just completing his Advanced Apprenticeship in print. Anita Atkinson, Operations & Compliance Manager at BCQ, was keen to highlight that the print industry is not just for boys! They welcome interest from everyone and encourage girls to consider working in print as a future career path.

BCQ are looking for new apprentices to join them in September and will be holding an Open Day at their main site in April. Anyone who would like more information about this event should register their interest with Miss Gates in the CFE.