

Visit to Salisbury Sail Academy: Tilbury Douglas – Careers in Construction Monday 27th February 2023



We were very fortunate to have been offered an amazing opportunity to attend the building site of the new Salisbury Sail Academy (old UTC, Wilton Road) to inspire pupils about careers in the construction industry.

Our visit started with a talk about who Tilbury Douglas were, the types of projects they delivered across a range of sectors including health, education, highways, justice, defence, aviation, water and environment and also to learn about all the different tradesmen there were working on the building project.

Pupils were then shown around the construction site to look at how the building was being renovated and improved and to learn about the huge variety of career opportunities there were within the construction industry. The visit highlighted that it wasn't just about bricklaying and electrical installation, but also about Fire safety and sprinkler systems, gas installation within science labs and plastering amongst many other trades. Projects like this also needed Project Managers/Quantity Surveyors and Quality Control to name but a few.

It was fantastic to be able to take pupils along to a working construction site and learn about careers in construction, possible pathways, and opportunities through Tilbury Douglas, as well as the construction industry.



Pupil feedback included:

A better understanding about job opportunities and the types of work available
Scaffolding was a trade which was well paid.

Seeing how people work and what all the different trades do – more technical
That you get paid very well for laying bricks!

Learnt about the safety precautions and it gave me an idea about construction

The thing I most enjoyed was the idea of what choices I can make when I'm in the construction industry

Thank you for the tour



