

## NEWS

# Pupils get a Peake at being the paparazzi...

Media studies students from Barnwell School in Stevenage got some vital experience of a press pack covering a major event when astronaut Tim Peake visited Airbus Defence and Space in the town last Thursday.

Year 13 pupils Bethany Gould and Luke Jeffrey were able to chat to the British astronaut, shoot videos and pose for selfies to use on social media, when Major Peake dropped by to open the new Airbus Foundation Discovery Space STEM centre at the firm's Mars Yard based off Argyle Way.

Bethany said: "It was fantastic. He came across as really friendly and interacted really well with the home-schooled pupils who were there."

"It was really valuable for us and great to see everything going on behind the scenes."

"There was such a rush to get pictures and video and it was great to experience it first hand."

Luke added: "I never thought I would meet a worldwide celebrity. It showed just how much there is involved in the media, I didn't realise how frenetic it all was."

The school's head of sixth form Jaqueline Johnson, said it was an 'absolutely amazing' experience for her pupils and praised the links that exist between local schools and Airbus. For the full story of Tim Peake's visit see pages 14 and 15.

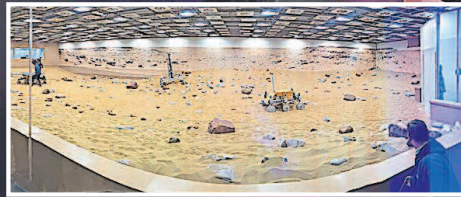
■ Tim Peake wasn't fazed by the cameras.



■ Bethany Gould and Luke Jeffrey got to speak to Tim Peake.



■ Luke Jeffrey getting a close up with the astronaut.



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