



## *News Release*

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### **Bespak help to inspire the scientists of the future**

Leading manufacturer of metered dose inhaler valves and dry powder inhalers, Bespak, recently hosted a number of tours for students studying GCSE Applied Science from nearby King Edward VIIth School (KES).

Just under 60 students attended Bespak's King's Lynn plant during the four visits, which followed on from a presentation about Bespak given at the school by Head of Analytical Services, Dr. Jeremy Southall, and Senior Development Laboratory Manager, Stuart Pattinson in October. During the presentation they provided an overview of Bespak's operations, as well as an insight into the scientific analysis and testing undertaken within the company's laboratories.

As a result of the vocational nature of this GCSE course, students are required to demonstrate an understanding of the application of science within the workplace. By teaming up with Bespak to organise the open days KES students were given a guided tour of the plant and laboratories, providing them with the opportunity to observe the production of inhaler components and medical check valves, gain an insight into the comprehensive testing processes associated with the healthcare market and focus on health and safety issues related to the workplace.

Commenting on the visits Jeremy Southall said: "At Bespak we recognise the importance that our operations play within the wider community and are therefore always keen to support, wherever possible, local educational projects. For Bespak science and technology are fundamental parts of our business and such visits provide the perfect opportunity for us to explain what we do, while perhaps even inspiring some students to consider science as a potential career prospect."

Jeff Crowle, the teacher leading the Applied Science course at KES also added: "By being able to demonstrate how science is applied within a local business, our students are able to better visualise and understand how science is integrated within the workplace, which is a vital part of helping them achieve good grades. We are incredibly grateful that Bespak took the time to organise the various open days and look forward to future visits."

As part of Bespak's active corporate community support scheme, the company is also sponsoring the annual prize for science at the KES, the winner of which was announced at a prize-giving presentation at the school during December.



011 Peter Davies, Senior Laboratory Technician, demonstrating atomic absorption spectroscopy.



015 Stuart Pattinson, Senior Development Laboratory Manager.

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#### **About Consort Medical**

Consort Medical plc develops drug delivery systems for the pharmaceutical industry and disposable airway management products for critical care settings in hospitals. The Group has facilities in King's Lynn and Milton Keynes in the UK, Indianapolis, Indiana and Kent, Ohio in the US, and Mumbai, India. Consort Medical is a public company quoted on the full list of the London Stock Exchange (LSE: CRST). For more information, please visit [www.consortmedical.com](http://www.consortmedical.com)

#### **About Bepak**

Bepak is a Consort Medical company that develops and manufactures metered dose inhaler valves, actuators, compliance aids and dry powder devices. Bepak also provides leading pharmaceutical and healthcare companies with a range of device manufacturing services including product development, industrialisation and contract manufacture. [www.bepak.com](http://www.bepak.com)

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