

Silver Works Visit.

On Thursday 11th of February the Diecasting society arranged a visit for its members to the Birmingham Silver works factor in Birmingham's historic Jewellery quarter. Amongst the Diecasting Society members who attended the visit, were three apprentices from Alucast Ltd (Tegan Thuta, Ryan Pateman and Scott Dillion) who were given the opportunity to see the working condition of employees in the past.

Tegan commented that "this was a wonderful opportunity to visit the factory. We got a guided tour around the factory and were given detailed informed on the history of the company, their families and heritages, and the creation of intricate designs and castings made casted by silver. We were also then shown the treacherous conditions of workers back in that time period, the dangers that followed them comparing them to modern day working conditions and how similar the casting industry but yet so different from back then.

We were also shown other small pieces of silver jewellery, which were articulately crafted, all by hand and the large range of moulds/dies which were used for the actual casting of silver itself. Finally it was explained how workplace morale was important in a time back then and shown how a business was run back in that era.