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### **School council meet Monarch crew members on a behind the scenes tour at Leeds Bradford Airport**

A group of 12 school children from Beeston have been inspired by the world of air travel after visiting Leeds Bradford Airport, where they met Monarch crew members to hear all about their roles.

The pupils, aged six-11 from St Anthony's Catholic Primary and Teaching School Alliance in Beeston, are all members of their school council. They had a question and answer session with Pilot Kevin Whitfield and Cabin Crew Manager Jessica Luffman; who are based at LBA. Afterwards, they had a behind the scenes tour of the airport.

Children asked the crew members questions about varied topics, including how to get into travel and tourism as a career, how aircraft fly and to what height, where and when Monarch fly to destinations, what training they would need to complete to become a pilot and what they enjoy about their jobs.

**Lisa Leonard, Headteacher at St Anthony's Catholic Primary and Teaching School Alliance, said:**

*"We were very lucky to be invited to visit Leeds Bradford Airport as part of our school's Terrific Technology Week. We had great fun going through security, and investigating how technology is used to help us to fly and keep us safe."*

*"The trip included a super visit by Monarch staff who answered the many challenging questions posed by our children, who now are all budding pilots with an abundance of knowledge of aviation. It was incredible to see the children's faces as they were talked through take off and landing by a real pilot, especially on such a busy day. I'd like to say a big thanks to the staff members for taking the time to bring our learning alive in such an innovative and fun way."*

**Monarch Cabin Crew Manager Jessica Luffman, who accompanied the children on the visit, said:**

*"It was lovely to answer all the children's questions and was a real pleasure to host this visit with Leeds Bradford Airport. They were charming children and are hopefully the flight and cabin crew of the future! They thoroughly enjoyed their talk with myself and Captain Whitfield and we would like to thank the team at Leeds Bradford Airport for their support. We are sure the children will remember it for a long time to come."*

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**Kayley Worsley, PR & Public Affairs Manager at Leeds Bradford Airport, said:**

*“It was great to welcome the children to Leeds Bradford Airport and give them a real insight to what happens here at LBA on a daily basis. The Monarch team explained all about their roles and the children seemed to be inspired by all that they learnt about the exciting world of travel, tourism and aviation.*”

*“The group had a chance to watch aircraft depart and arrive on the runway and learnt all about the processes at the airport. I’d like to say a huge thanks to the Monarch team for the time they took to host this group of school children, at LBA we are focused upon inspiring the next generation and I hope that the children thoroughly enjoyed their talk and unique tour.”*

Monarch, a UK leading independent airline group, operates ten routes from LBA and has two based A320 aircrafts. For more information on the airline, visit [www.monarch.co.uk](http://www.monarch.co.uk)

**Photo caption:** The Monarch team with pupils on the visit to Leeds Bradford Airport.



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