

WTU3A SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY TRIPS 2020

WHEN	October 1 st
WHERE	BMW Mini Plant, Oxford
WHAT	<p>On the site of the old Morris Motors Works in Cowley, Oxford BMW operate the latest robotic technology to produce the modern iteration of Alec Issigonis iconic design, the Mini, launched in 1959. In 1999 it was voted the second most influential car of the twentieth century behind the Model T Ford.</p> <p>Plant Oxford is the birthplace and heart of MINI production. Manufactured to individual customer specifications, hundreds of MINIs leave the plant's assembly lines each day, off to meet new owners in more than 110 countries around the world. Gain insight into the automotive production during a guided plant tour. Experience the production of MINIs, from the welding of steel parts into car bodies to the individual interior equipment in the assembly.</p> <p>NOTE – the tour lasts two to two and a half hours – up to 3.5 kilometres in distance. Not suitable for wheel chair users. People with heart pacemakers are excluded from the plant. All personal items including mobile phones, cameras, bags will be locked away for the duration of the tour. No open-toed or heeled footwear allowed.</p>
LOCATION	Entrance is via Gate 5 from the Oxford Eastern by-pass road. SatNav location is OX4 6NL. You can also enter the car park via Gate 7 on Horspath Road.
FACILITIES	There are toilets in the Visitor Centre. Soft drinks can be purchased from a vending machine but may not be taken into the plant. No food is available to purchase.
TIMING	<p>Our tour starts at 13:30 and we must be in the Visitor Centre by 13:15.</p> <p>Meet at 5 Bells, WT at 12:00 to share lifts. Leave site when tour ends around 4pm</p>
COSTS	Group entrance and tour fee is £16
OTHER ACTIVITIES	N/A