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UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE

Earlier this year Dennis Eagle hosted a visit from six Loughborough University students who were completing a project on refuse collection vehicles as part of their course.

The third year automotive engineering students had been briefed to produce a concept and design for a niche market vehicle and turned their attention to the refuse collection industry with an electric hybrid truck.

Serco's team at Charnwood had assisted the team in their efforts, providing information regarding duty cycles, payloads and collection processes, and contacted Dennis Eagle to arrange the visit so the students could see the work involved in manufacturing a refuse collection vehicle first-hand.

Student Jamie Knapp is one of the team members working on the project. He comments: "It was really useful being able to ask Dennis Eagle specific questions about the estimated weights of components, line times and costs. Seeing the vehicles up close was a vital experience in our project as it gave us a much better insight into the packaging methods used. Seeing how the components interacted with each other allowed us to develop our design with this specialist knowledge."

Matt Horwell from Dennis Eagle says: "When Serco asked if we would be able to host a visit from the students we were more than happy to oblige. These students are the automotive engineers of the future and it was refreshing to see their enthusiasm and thirst for knowledge."

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Caption: automotive engineering students from Loughborough University visit Dennis Eagle's Warwick headquarters

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