

A VIEW of Eli Lilly is a multimedia resource in support of the Applied GCSE for Science and the work related curriculum.

Eli Lilly is one of the world's largest research based pharmaceutical companies, employing more than 40,000 people worldwide. Opened in 1967, Erl Wood in Surrey was Lilly's first research and development site outside the United States and over 600 people now work there. As the company's European Centre of Excellence for neuroscience research the site hosts many scientists looking for new compounds to help treat psychiatric and neurological diseases.

The VIEW of Eli Lilly provides the young person with an opportunity to explore the Erl Wood site and better understand the application of science in a real business.

Upon entering the site the visitor can move towards the Erl Wood Manor House, finding out more about the history of the building and Eli Lilly as a company. Several senior staff can be interviewed at the Manor House including those with responsibility for Research, IT, Finance, HR, Patents, Corporate and Regulatory Affairs as well as the Managing Director.

Moving past the Manor House the visitor can access the laboratories. A corridor provides the means to explore 15 laboratories applying chemistry and biology to the objectives of the business. In each laboratory evidence can be found in the form of panoramic images, closer images, sequences, documents, audio interviews and short video sequences. These focus on the application of science, scientific processes, lab equipment and health and safety measures. The fifty interviews that can be found include; Research Chemists, Medicinal Chemists, Analytical Chemists, Computational Chemist, Biologist, .Electro-physiologist, Technician, Industrial placement student and others.

Exploration of Eli Lilly shows science at work and scientists at work. The work that is seen is organised towards the objective of scientific discovery. All of this is seen in the context of a multi-national company engaged in world wide research and development.

The evidence presented to the student can contribute to a better understanding of topics such as;
Health and safety in the laboratory,
The role of automation in scientific discovery,
Waste management,
Environmental issues,
Ethical issues facing science today.
Business and Enterprise.