



Royals cast a spell at Leavesden Studios

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Harry visited Warner Bros Studios, Leavesden last month for a morning filled with magic, mystery and muggles.

The Royals visited for the official opening and toured the studios and The Making of Harry Potter attraction.

The air was filled with an excited, yet tense atmosphere on Friday, April 26 as staff from the studios and selected

press, including *My Watford News*, waited for Prince William, Prince Harry and Kate to arrive.

At around 10.30am, two cars approached and everyone took a deep breath, with their cameras poised ready to capture the first shot of the Royal trio entering the site.

Prince William and his elegant wife, along with Prince Harry, warmly greeted Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Hertfordshire Lady Verulam as well as local dignitaries

Watford Mayor Dorothy Thornhill and Three Rivers Chairman Kemal Butt.

They also engaged in cheerful chat with the studios' Managing Director Dan Dark and staff working at the attraction.

Kate looked radiant in a £38 polka dot dress from Topshop, and her blossoming baby bump was clearly visible when her flowing outfit blew in the wind.

There was nothing brief about the Royal arrival, with each member of the family taking the time to engage in smiling conversation with everyone in the line-up.

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The excitement then moved inside the building where a handful of lucky staff had the opportunity to show the Royals around the site.

The Princes and Duchess of Cambridge met the creative teams from recent productions and Prince William was delighted to take a seat in the official Batmobile from the Batman films.

Around 500 children and adults from the trio’s charities also watched Prince William deliver a short speech and officially ‘open’ the studios.

He said: “To be honest, I’m over the moon just to have seen the real Batmobile and Batpod. You don’t do baby seats for those cars by any chance do you?”

“Thank you to Warner Brothers for hosting hundreds of children from the charities of which



we are fortunate enough to be patron.”

The Princes and Kate then toured the Harry Potter attraction, visiting to the Great Hall, enjoying a wand lesson in The Gryffindor Common Room and viewing a special effects demonstration in Diagon Alley.

The visit ended at 2.30pm when the Royals warmly bid farewell to the children and staff in the studio foyer before leaving the building.

Prince William added: “Thank you to Warner Brothers for making this investment in Leavesden. You were right to do so and all three of us hope you have a long and prosperous stay here.”

by Emily Ansell



The Royals visited Leavesden Studios for its inauguration and toured the Harry Potter attraction