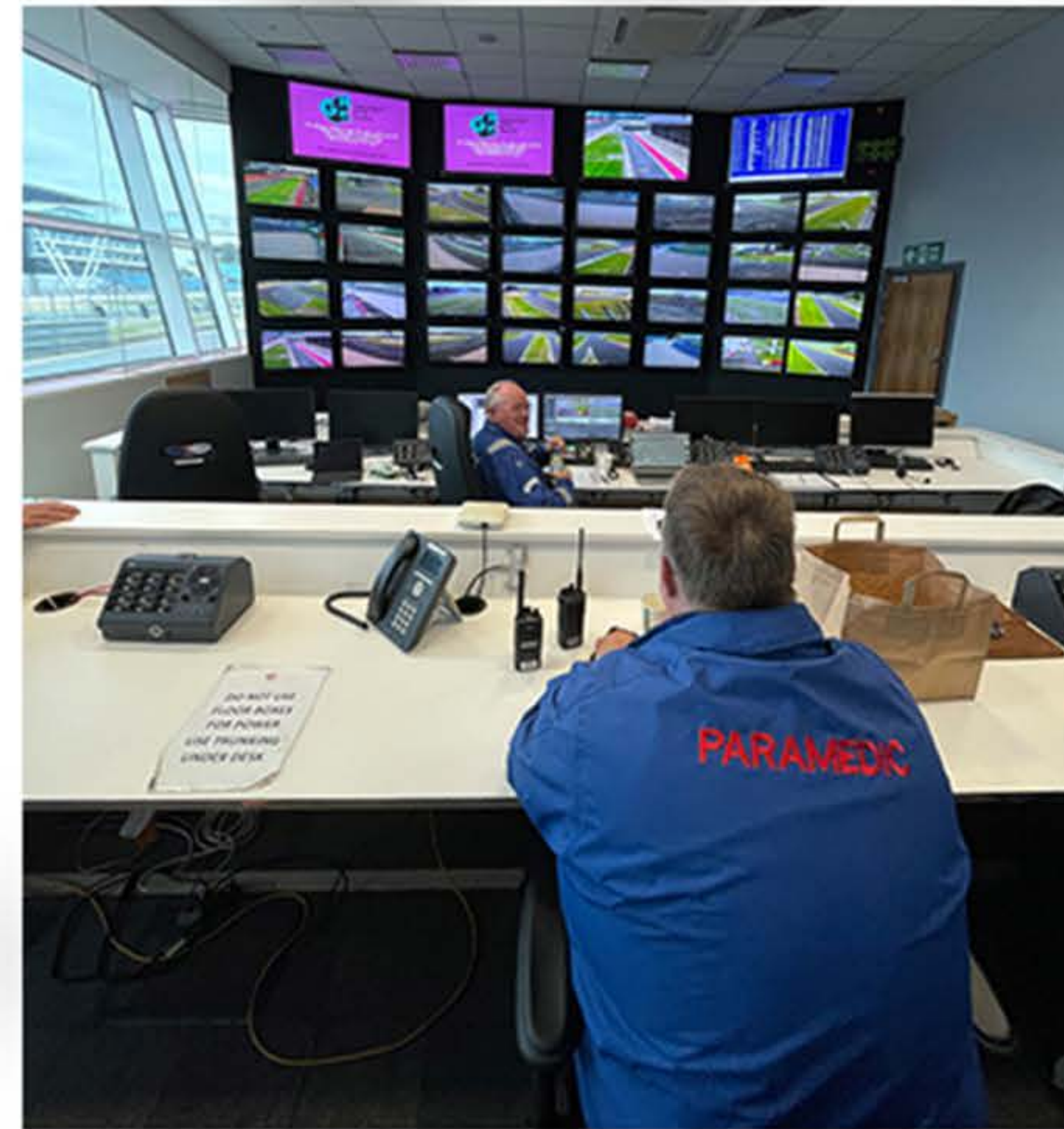


Silverstone Circuit VIP Tour

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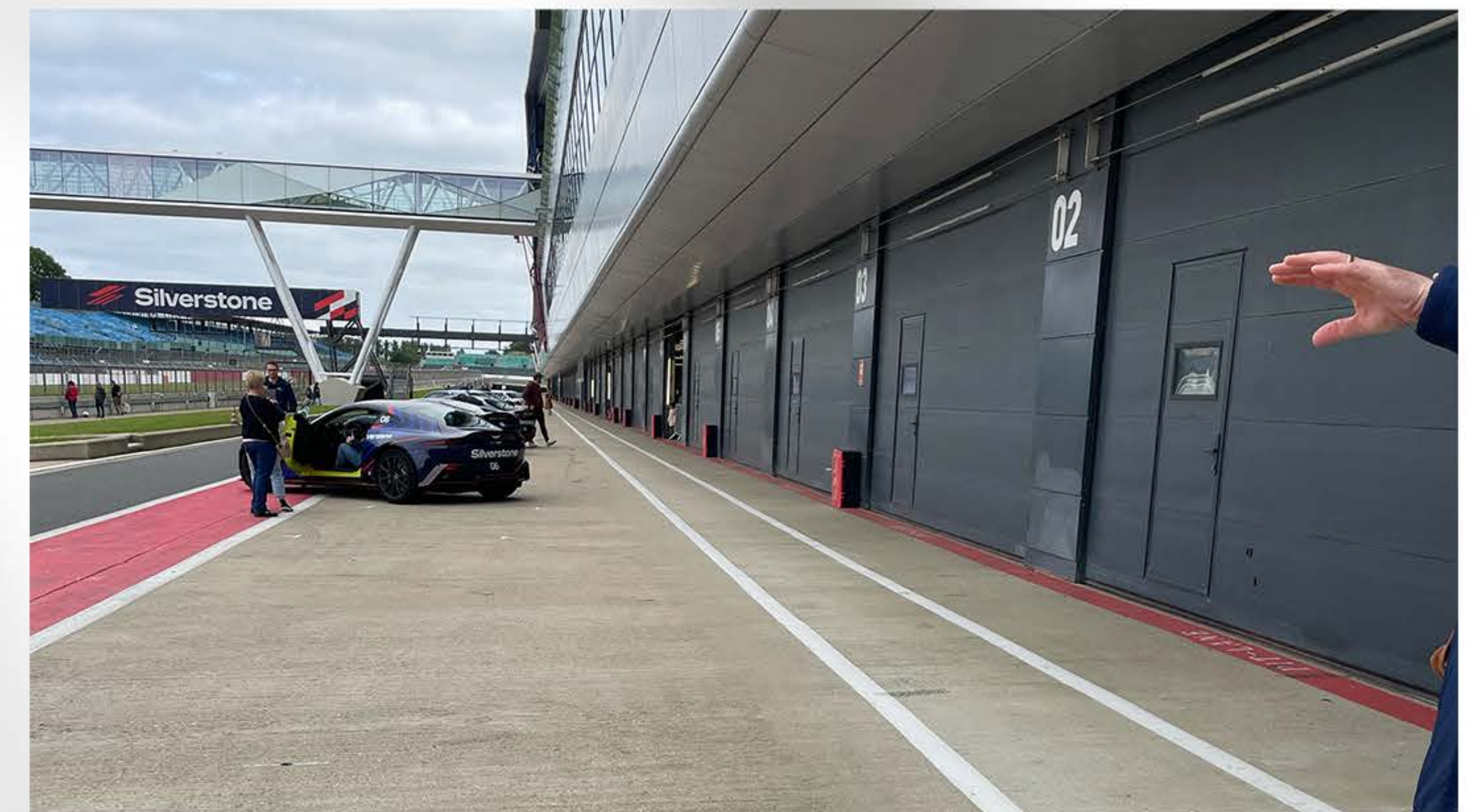
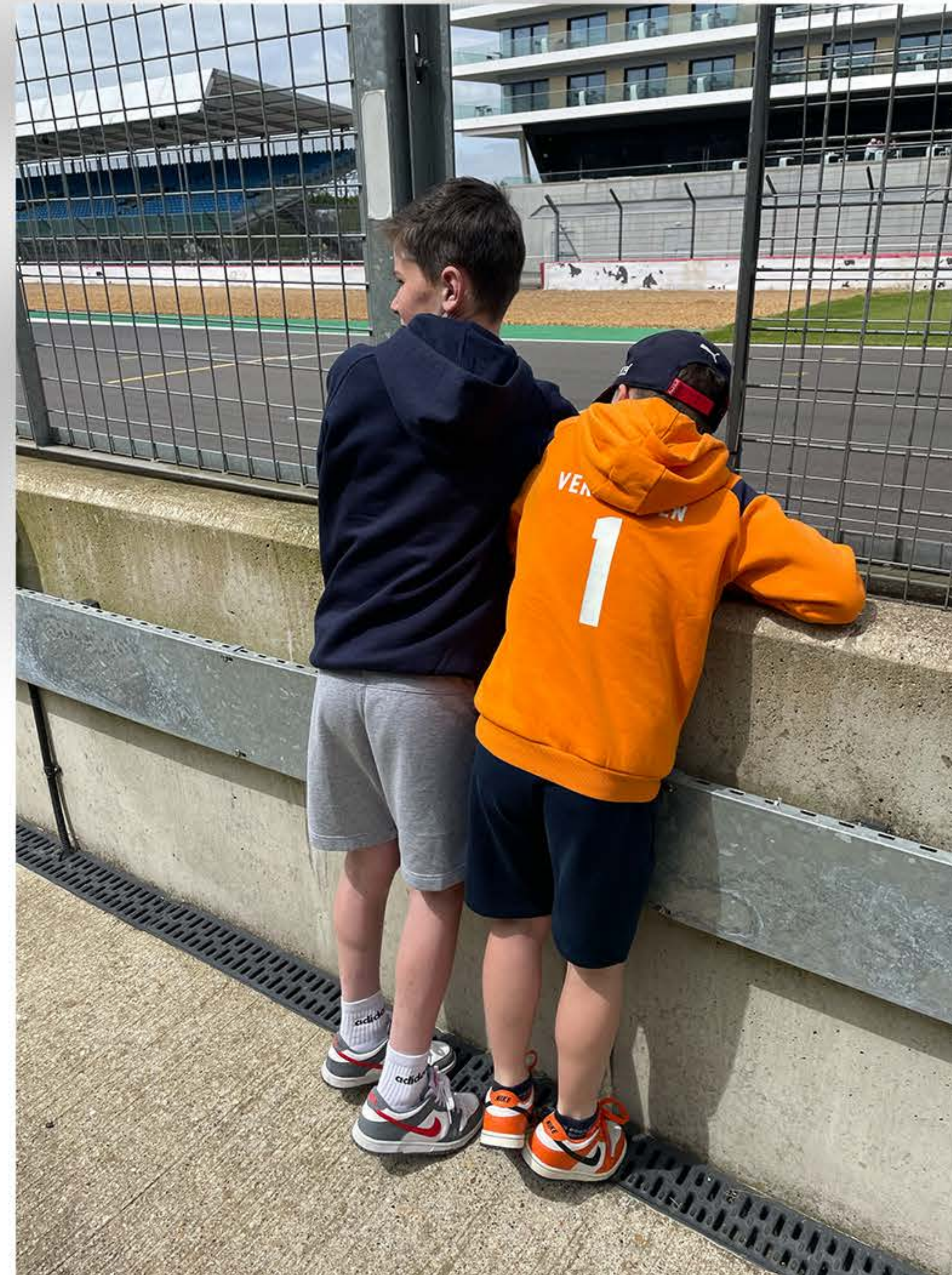
On the 29th of May 2023, I was lucky enough to get invited by Brentwood Karting to go on a VIP tour of Silverstone Circuit. This was for winning the dads and lads endurance race.

We all met at 11 a.m. with Steve Deeks and Phil Ellis. We then continued on our tour where Steve started by talking to us about what he does at Silverstone, his racing journey, and what he would be showing us later on. First, we went to race control to see how everything works and where everyone sits on race days.



Next, we went to the international paddock and pitlane. On the way, we met Josh, who is a racing driver, and he was telling us how important it is to stay fit and healthy if you want to take racing seriously. When we got to the paddock, we got to talk to some more racing drivers and look at all the supercars they had, and go down to the pit wall to watch the cars fly past.

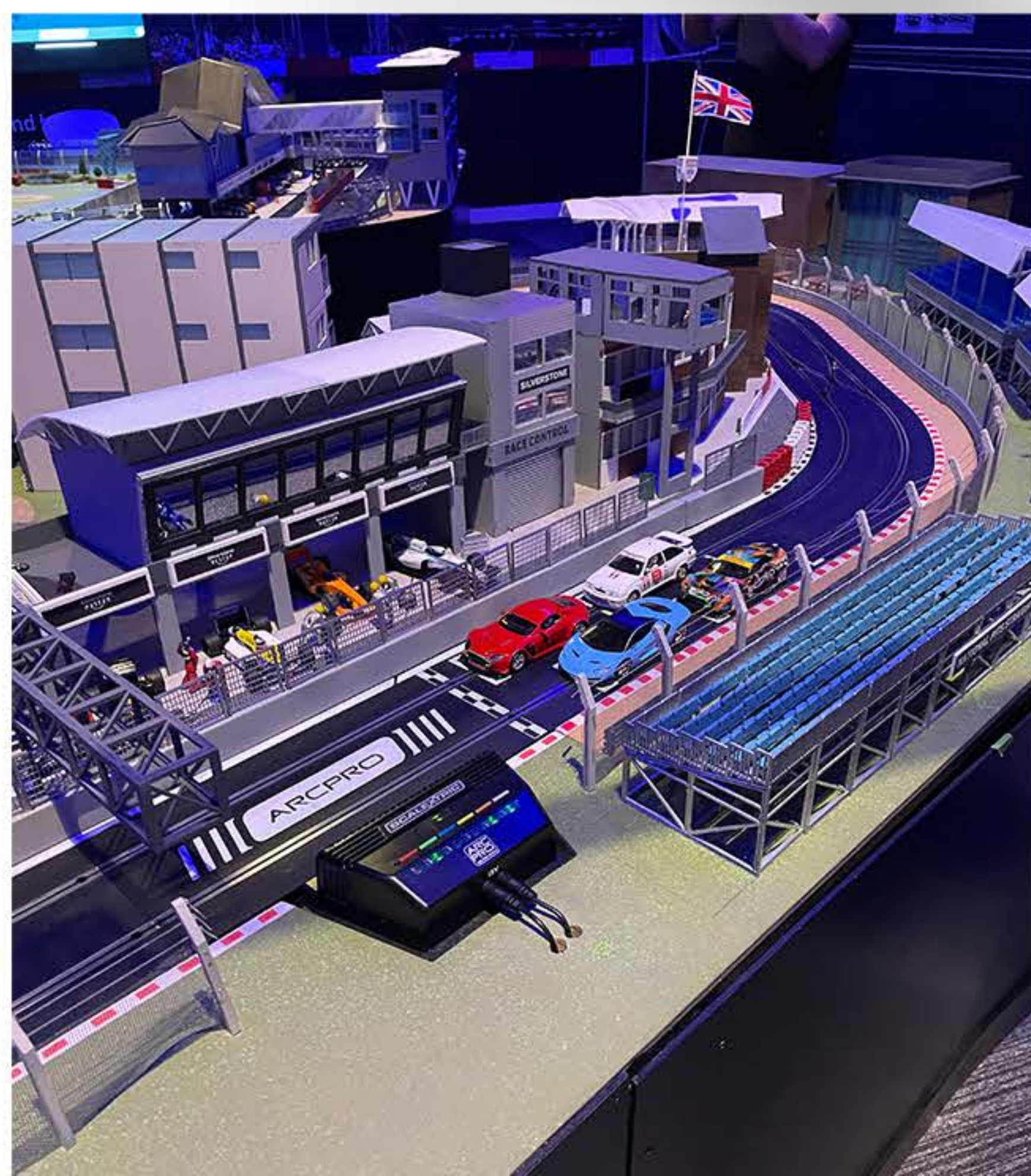
Whilst in the paddock a couple of the older boys (Charlie, Beau & Charlie) were lucky enough to do a couple of hotlaps in the McLaren 620r.

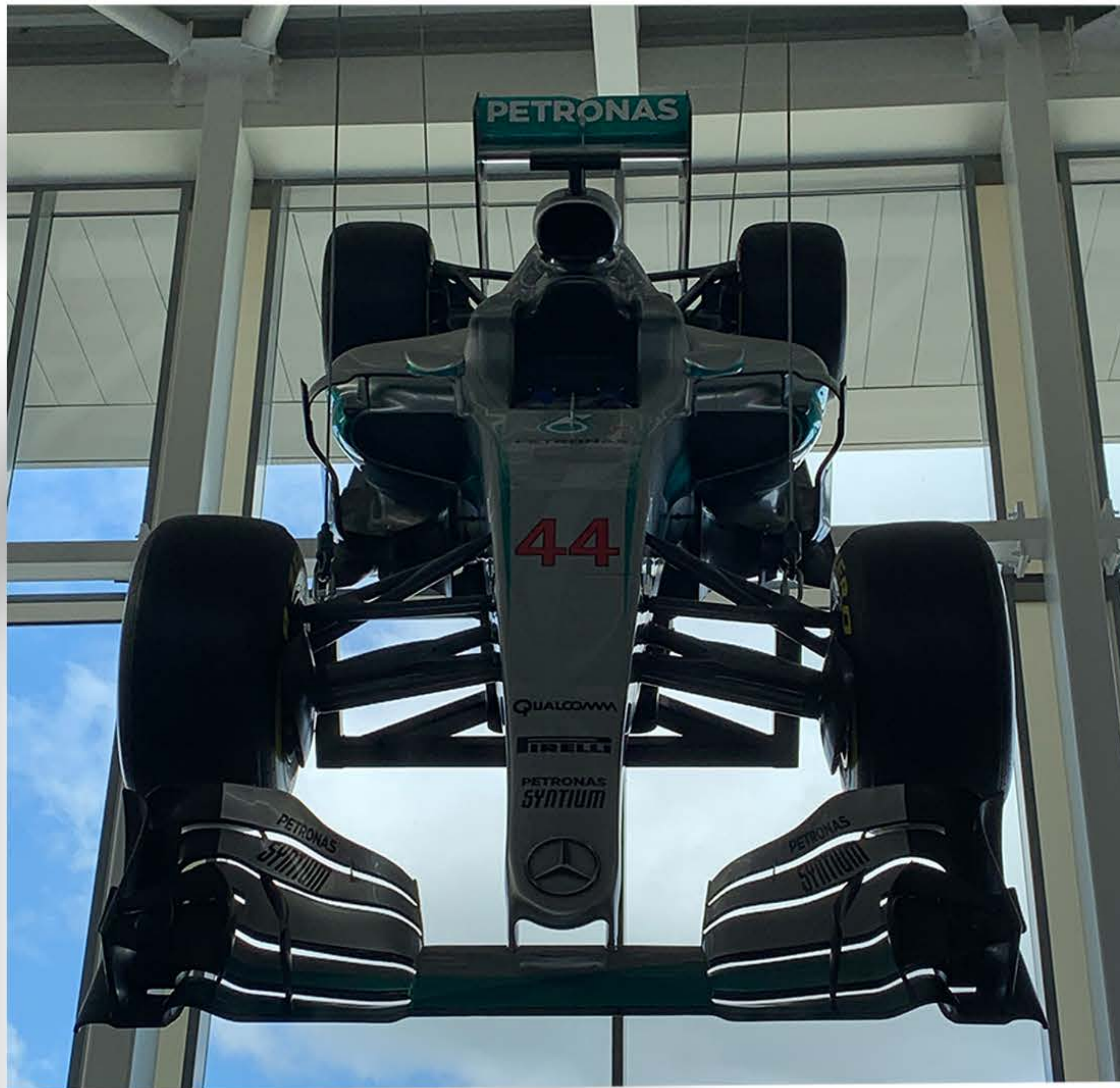


After we finished in the paddock we took a minibus to the National track and whilst there I got to sit in a formula car they use for the driving school, learning how they change gear. We then made our way to the paddock where we met Charlie Kennedy for a quick chat about his racing before then meeting with Rob Barff who has lots of experience in endurance racing.



Once we finished our VIP tour we then had tickets for the Silverstone interactive museum. The museum has lots of racing memorabilia and information about the Silverstone track. There is lots of facts about the history of Formula One, which is my favourite. They also have a new addition which is a Silverstone Scalextric track on which you can race the cars.





I had a brilliant day and I would like to thank Dan Lee and Brentwood Karting for the chance to experience this brilliant tour and to Steve Deeks for giving up his time to show us around and for sharing what he knows about racing.

- Jude