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Siemens inspires local school girls into Science and Engineering

An educational project to encourage young girls into science and engineering is being showcased by traffic technology supplier Siemens at Talbot Heath School for Girls in Bournemouth on the 16th of October. The SeeWomen Project showcase is a live stage show to inspire and motivate young girls to pursue careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and challenge gender stereotypes.

The project has been created especially for girls, to place the spotlight on modern STEM female role models in Siemens and beyond. Alexandra James, Schools Education and Outreach Officer at Siemens will introduce the interactive live stage show along with women colleagues from the local Siemens factory in Poole. The curriculum-linked show explores modern women's ground-breaking contributions to science, technology and engineering, taking the audience on a journey into the world of STEM with captivating live stage experiments. BBC presenter and well-known scientist Fran Scott will be performing the show at Talbot Heath School aiming to excite the audience with thought-provoking activities to build their confidence and motivate them to set future goals and raise their aspirations.

Maria Ferraro, Chief Financial Officer for Siemens believes women make great engineers and scientists and assures Siemens is committed to nurturing and building a pipeline of STEM talent to inspire a new generation of engineers and shrink the skills gap. "SeeWomen aims to bust the myth that STEM careers are difficult, boring and just for boys by fostering curiosity among young girls and encouraging them to think positively about their potential in STEM careers earlier, as this can help challenge misconceptions about the subjects" she said.

Launched on International Women's Day in 2016, the project is part of a unique collaboration between Siemens and the Girls' Schools Association (GSA). The showcase is being delivered in schools across the UK by a mix of professional presenters, Siemens STEM ambassadors, and GSA teachers. This year's proud showcase host is Talbot

Heath School, an independent girls' school in Bournemouth which has invited girls from a further 11 schools – 9 of them state schools – to attend. About hosting this year's SeeWomen event Mrs Angharad Holloway, Head at Talbot Heath School has said "Talbot Heath School is delighted to be hosting the Siemens SeeWomen event. Our vision for the future of education is STEM-focussed and we are fully committed to the aim of achieving equal female representation in STEM fields".

Siemens was established in the United Kingdom more than 170 years ago and now employs 15,000 people in the UK. As the world's largest engineering company, Siemens provides innovative solutions to help tackle the world's major challenges. Siemens has offices and factories throughout the UK, with its headquarters in Frimley, Surrey

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About Siemens

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About Talbot Heath School

Talbot Heath School is a selective, independent day and boarding school for girls aged 3–18 located in Talbot Woods, Bournemouth; the school was established in 1886. Talbot Heath is a Church of England School.

About the Girls' Schools Association

The Girls' Schools Association ('GSA') represents the Heads of independent girls' schools throughout the UK. It encourages high standards of education for girls and promotes the benefits of being taught in a predominantly girls-only environment. The GSA and its member schools are involved a variety of partnerships with state schools and other organisations.

About Maria Ferraro, Chief Financial Officer of Siemens in the UK.

Prior to her appointment Maria has held several senior management positions in Corporate Finance within Siemens Canada as well as in Germany and the United States. Before being appointed as Chief Financial Officer of Siemens plc Maria held the position of Chief Financial Officer of Siemens Canada. Maria was born and educated in Canada. She is a designated Chartered Accountant and spent her early career with Price Waterhouse Coopers and Nortel Networks, holding a variety of roles in Canada and on a global level whilst gaining in-depth experience in European and Asian markets.