

Girls grab a spot for science career

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A DAY in the life of a scientist, engineer and technician were explored by hundreds of female students from secondary schools around Weston and North Somerset during a Skirting Science event.

The sessions, organised by the Weston branch of Soroptimist International, were held at Broadoak Mathematics and Computing College in Windwhistle Road, Weston, and 200 pupils attended.

The girls were chosen due to their potential to progress to university and study a science subject.

The Skirting Science programme aims to address the gender imbalance in certain science careers and offers advice to females thinking of taking on those roles.

Students got the chance to hear some wise words from freelance science and technology journalist Nadya Anscombe and then explore the 17 workshops prepared for them, which took a look inside the world of the nuclear industry, physics, environmental science and the history of blood.

The sessions are supported by funding from Weston Town Council.

