

What's happening?

Best Practice on TLP KO2

WORKING WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS YEAR 6 CAREERS FAIR - COMBER GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Overview:

Working with the Southwark Education Business Alliance (SEBA), Siemens organised a presentation to groups of Year 6 students at Comber Grove Primary School for a careers event. The purpose was to provide students with an insight into different industries, to inform them around subjects they may wish to study when they begin secondary school. Students were arranged into groups of nine and had four different presentations from different companies. Each session lasted 15 minutes. Sessions began with the students choosing an item of PPE to wear followed by an overview of both Siemens and the Thameslink program. They were shown a fully functional signalling model which demonstrates how track circuits work. A discussion of safety aspects of the railway followed, ranging from PPE to dangers of being near or working near the track.



More detailed discussions were then held around our volunteer's positions including apprenticeship opportunities in engineering, science and the rail industry.

Benefits:

- Engagement with local schools
- Promotion of the Thameslink apprenticeship scheme
- Delivered rail-specific safety information to pupils
- Value for money - only cost being staff time

Challenges:

- Time constraints for staff involved

Meeting our Objectives & Targets:

This initiative is aligned with TLP Sustainability Strategy v5:

- **Objective 4c:** Promote a safety message by carrying out 12 community initiatives, such as school visits, per annum
- **Objective 5:** 'to deliver a social legacy...to individuals within communities around TLP works' and specifically the target related to s106 obligations
- **Objective 7:** to 'pro-actively engage with communities around TLP...' and specifically the target to 'deliver an annual community improvement project

