# Spotlight on STEM Careers: Girls in Computing

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**Fun fact about me:** I enjoy baking and drawing cartoon characters

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## What was your dream job when you were 10?

As a young child, I was so in love with Maths that my dream job was to be a mathematician. I enjoyed solving mathematical equations and could imagine myself doing that all day.

## What do you do now?

I currently work at British Telecommunications as a Project Manager and I help ensure that people have the best WiFi at home. I do this by bringing together many teams to create new products such as a new Home Hub.

## Why is your area of STEM important?

My area of STEM is so important because it uses Technology to change lives for the better, such as helping people stay connected with friends and family, or helping mom and dad to be able to work from home.

## How does your job link to Computing?

As a project manager I use digital skills every day from making telephone calls with my computer to using excel to create plans and stay organised. Computing plays a vital role in my day to day job.

## What do you do day-to-day in your job?

I spend a typical day speaking with many people on my team. We come together to brainstorm and think about the best ways to create awesome products for our customers. We then work on the ideas and create a plan to deliver it.
**What is your favourite part of your job?**

The favourite part of my job is speaking with various people and solving problems. I enjoy sharing ideas, challenging the status quo and constantly seeking ways to improve.

**What challenges do you face in your job?**

A challenge I face in my job is getting things done on time. I work with the team to take actions to ensure we hit our timelines.

**What skills help you in your job?**

**Leadership**
Project management is all about delivering a project. To do this I bring together various teams and I lead them in the delivery of the project.

**Communication**
I constantly speak to various people and also listen to their inputs. I also send out emails to keep people informed of progress on the project.

**What subjects would I have to take in school to do your job?**

Mathematics, English, Physics, Chemistry, Design and Technology, and Computer Science.

**Why should more women and girls choose STEM?**

Being in a STEM role has given me the opportunity to use Technology to change lives for the better and that gives me a real sense of joy. My job is also so exciting that I look forward to going to work every day. My advice to any girl thinking of choosing STEM is to go for it. Don’t miss the opportunity, Technology is such an exciting career choice and you will have so many options to choose from. So, go for it and give it your best.

**My challenge for you:**

Over 8 million tonnes of plastic end up in our beautiful blue oceans every year. That is serious bad news for all the lovely animals living in the ocean and many have eaten the plastics which is not good for them. Now how do you think we can use computing to solve this problem and protect marine animals?