

Even from the **age of 7** I was interested in engineering. Growing up, I spent a lot of time with my grandad who used to work for Finning Caterpillar. I was always helping around the house and working with him in the shed. I also spent a lot of time with my uncle who used to fix cars in his spare time. This is what I mainly wanted to do, become a **car mechanic**!



**AGE 7**



**AGE 11**



I started **secondary school**, I was keen to join after-school clubs like **Shell-Eco team** and bike club. Through these I got more engineering experience, which I really enjoyed! The teachers that ran the clubs were always really supportive of me being the only female present.

After I finished school I chose to study my **A-Levels** at the **Black Country UTC**, since this type of school offered engineering as an A-Level. I studied Maths and Engineering and I enjoyed every moment. All of my teachers were ex-engineers and offered advice about going into the industry. I always knew that I preferred to work with my hands, but during this course, which was fully academic, I realised I was still good at this theoretical side of engineering too.



**AGE 16**

I had many great experiences while at the **UTC**, I competed within the World Skills show for PLC programming and I was also awarded with a **Gold Duke of York Award**. During year 13 I applied to University but I wasn't sure this was the right move for me. I spoke with my Maths teacher and she said that

**AGE 17**



*the best move might be to complete an apprenticeship since I would gain the academic knowledge, but also the practical experience which I would miss if I chose to go to university.*

I joined Siemens when I was 18. I attended college for a year to learn the practical skills which were needed for my job and also to learn the theory behind **electrical** and **electronic engineering**. During college breaks I went to work and started to get a feel for my daily job. Every day was something different, from the sites, the systems and the problems we were facing.



**AGE 18**

I applied to lots of apprenticeships and was offered positions at many of them, but I chose to take the offer from **Siemens Healthineers**.

**AGE 20**



By now I was into the third year of my apprenticeship and felt like I was becoming part of the team. I was trained on two of our systems and started to take the smaller jobs from the more experienced engineers. During this year I was awarded **Siemens Rising Star of the Year 2017**. This meant everything to me; it showed I'm doing something right with my work and that others can see this and appreciate it.