

## Sky at Night star opens school lab



(Above) The new room at St Catherine's Prep School; (right) TV presenter Maggie Aderin-Pocock with prefects and head teacher Naomi Bartholomew

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A TELEVISION presenter and scientist officially opened a brand new science lab for an all-girls independent school in Bramley.

Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock officially opened the new science lab at St Catherine's

Prep School, in Station Road, on Tuesday.

The space scientist, who also co-hosts long-running astronomy BBC programme *The Sky At Night*, hopes the new science facility at the school will inspire young

minds at the Bramley school.

She said: "It's wonderful to see this new science laboratory at St Catherine's, aptly named the 'Wonder Lab'.

"Hopefully it will inspire the next generation of girls

to consider careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics."

Year 6 students Carina and Ella are looking forward to what they can learn as they prepare for this year's science lessons.

Carina said: "It will also hopefully encourage greater excitement for science and inspire some of us girls to follow a career in science - boys shouldn't have all the fun."

Ella added: "The new lab

has taken science learning at St Catherine's to a whole new level, with newer equipment such as the huge touch screen interactive TV and a HoverCam, which will make learning much more interesting and exciting."