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Press Release

Prime Minister officially opens Bayer's flagship science laboratory for school children

Reading, 14th June 2018 – The Rt Hon Theresa May MP, Prime Minister, officially opened Bayer UK's flagship Baylab in Reading today where she celebrated the occasion with local students from Holyport College, Maidenhead.

The Baylab, which is a purpose built state of the art science laboratory, offers free science lessons and workshops catering for children aged from 7 years up to 18 years and since its soft launch in March 2017, has seen over 3000 young people through its doors.

When in the lab, Baylab's professional scientists bring science to life by guiding young minds through hands-on experiments, some of which see them extract their own DNA for a truly one-of-a-kind piece of jewellery, characterise the proteins of an enzyme to try their hand as a formulation scientist, and even use forensics to solve crimes. All of which, are examples of how practical science is used in everyday life across many industries around the world.

Speaking at the Baylab event, the Prime Minister said: "It is great to be here today to officially mark the opening of this brilliant new facility. Baylab UK is an example of how leading life science companies, such as Bayer, can support the growth of UK science and build the science base of the future by inspiring students to use innovative ideas to find solutions that can benefit society."

Lars Brueing, Bayer UK & Ireland CEO said: "We are thrilled that the Prime Minister could help us mark this special occasion today. At Bayer, we are of course very passionate about science, and this is why we wanted to create the Baylab so that we could physically contribute to the UK in helping to support science education and STEM from the bottom up.

"We believe that if we can inspire young people to pursue opportunities in science, as well as help support teachers by delivering the national curriculum, then we are helping to make a difference. We must all remember, that the future of science is all around us, therefore it is vital that we engage with our young people of tomorrow, after all, they are

the ones who will be finding solutions to some of the greatest challenges in the future so supporting them now is fundamental.”

By the end of 2018 the Baylab will have at least seen over 4200 students and 600 teachers through its doors, engaged up to 20,000 students through its resources and increased the levels of inspiration towards science consistently via their delivery of over 200 workshops.

Bayers UK offices were recently awarded the Best Workplace in the South of England at the British Council for Offices regional awards and were named 16th in the UK Great Place to Work survey 2018.

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