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Stoneham Kitchens demonstrates the journey from an idea to a finished kitchen for Sevenoaks students

In February, Stoneham Kitchens helped sixth form students from Sevenoaks School studying for their Design Technology International Baccalaureate to enhance their knowledge of manufacturing. The students visited the Stoneham Kitchens factory and showroom in Sidcup for an interactive tour.

All the cabinetry components that eventually become Stoneham Kitchens are manufactured onsite at the Sidcup factory, so the Sevenoaks sixth formers were able to experience the full manufacturing process, from design using Computer-aided Design (CAD) software, to Computer Numerical Control (CNC) machinery to cut individual components in even the most resistant materials cut precisely and accurately.

“With a subject like design, practical experience and learning is vital,” explains Becky Brown, Design Technology teacher at Sevenoaks School. “The students really enjoyed being able to actually see the manufacturing process, step-by-step.”

With technology becoming ever more important in the British manufacturing industry, the students were given a demonstration of the use of some advanced IT; 3D unit drawings are used to manufacture kitchen components, with optimised cutting lists of materials, machine shaping and drilling codes created simultaneously. This makes the manufacturing process quick and efficient, and is combined with hand finishing for more complicated design details for a truly bespoke finish.

It wasn't just the students who had a great day: “It was a pleasure to show the Sevenoaks Design Technology students the ins and outs of the British manufacturing industry,” says Howard Stoneham, Sales Director at Stoneham Kitchens. “Perhaps one day in the not so distant future, they'll be joining our kitchen design team!”

To find out more, visit the Stoneham Kitchens website: www.stoneham-kitchens.co.uk



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About Stoneham plc.

Founded in 1864, Stoneham plc. specialises in stylish, bespoke kitchens and quality furniture making. In its fifth generation of family-ownership, Stoneham Kitchens is built on nearly 150 years of dedication to superior craftsmanship. Contemporary design is met with state-of-the art engineering to create classic kitchens of exquisite high-tech functionality and style.

Every kitchen is built to order and manufactured at Stoneham's modern workshops in Sidcup, Kent. Equipped with the latest CNC machinery, paint and curved door plants, Stoneham's craftsmen combine their knowledge and skills with the latest engineering techniques and technology to turn natural materials – wood, stone, marble, granite and recycled glass - into timeless kitchens.

Renowned for dependable, lifetime quality Stoneham Kitchens has been at the forefront of Kitchen innovation since the 1950s. Distinguished by holding The Royal Warrant to HM The Queen.

Kitchens start at £30,000 and there are over 30 different collections in its traditional Heritage and contemporary Avant Garde ranges.

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