

18th January 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: CyberFirst Girls Competition 2017

As part of Corby Technical School's dedication to ensuring students have a wealth of knowledge about their subject, an opportunity has arisen for the school to enter a national competition run by the national GCHQ and NCSC cyber security services. The competition aims to close the gender gap between employment in cyber industries.

At the moment, only 10% of jobs in cyber technology are held by women. This means that the UK is missing out on a wealth of extraordinarily talented group of people. CyberFirst is designed to inspire and encourage future generations of young women to consider a career in cyber securities.

Your daughter has been chosen to enter this competition as she has shown an aptitude for Computer Science in her lessons and shown a particular enjoyment for coding and computer systems. I would hope that the event would go some way to inspiring your daughter into a career in the technology and engineering fields.

The competition will be based online and competitors can login and complete challenges at their leisure. If your child solves a puzzle – this will open up the next puzzle for all other competitors in their team. The competition will be open between January 29th and February 5th and can be accessed at home. It would be fantastic if you could encourage your daughter to access the portal at home and continue their completion of tasks outside of school hours.

The top 10 teams in the country will be invited to an all-expenses paid trip to Manchester for the grand final, to include an overnight stay. There will be no cost to your child to attend this event as this will be fully paid for by the National Cyber Security Centre.

We have a fantastic recent history in Cyber Security at CTS, particularly amongst girls. In last year's competition, out of over 2000 schools we narrowly missed the grand final, finishing 14th. Some girls that participated in last year's competition will act as Cyber Mentors to your daughter during the competition window.

If we are successful and qualify for the final, another letter will be sent to gain permission for your daughter to attend.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Gourlay on 01536 213100 or at agourlay@corbytechnicalschool.org.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A Reynolds
Principal