



14<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

**R.E. 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 February 27<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March. To make the most of this opportunity we will be running a “Cyber Security Day” on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March (first Monday of the holidays, at school in order to prepare students for the competition). The session will run from 10am until 3:30pm. Your daughter will need to bring a packed lunch. Students will not be expected to wear school uniform.

The top 10 teams in the country will be invited to an all-expenses paid trip to London 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. 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](mailto:agourlay@corbytechnicalschool.org).

Yours sincerely,

Angela Reynolds  
Principal

Reply Slip:

***RETURN TO RECEPTION BY - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017***

We/I give permission for ..... to take part in the CyberFirst Girls Competition. My daughter will/will not attend the Cyber Security Day on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March (first Monday of the holidays).

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Please supply an Emergency Contact telephone number: .....