



NEWSLETTER

ACE-CSE, August 2025

This newsletter highlights activities of the Academic Centre of Excellence in Cyber Security Education (ACE-CSE) at the University of Kent, organised and delivered by Kent's Institute of Cyber Security for Society (iCSS). The university has been recognised as an ACE-CSE, Gold award, in 2023 for fostering cyber security education and awareness across the institution and the wider community, and for helping develop and maintain the local cyber security ecosystem in Kent and Medway. We hope you enjoy the news!



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Outreach activity

NCSC CyberFirst Girls Competition Familiarisation Day at the Maidstone Grammar School for Girls (MGGS) on 08 October 2024

The event was attended by 56 pupils of 12-13 years old (Year 8) from seven local schools in the Kent and Medway region gathered at MGGS. It introduced them to the 2024 NCSC CyberFirst Girls Competition and promoted the development of cyber skills exposing them to awareness activities. The girls also heard three female cyber security professionals elaborating on their career stories. More details [here](#).



Outreach activity

NCSC CyberFirst Girls Competition Familiarisation Day at The Folkestone School for Girls on 05 November 2024

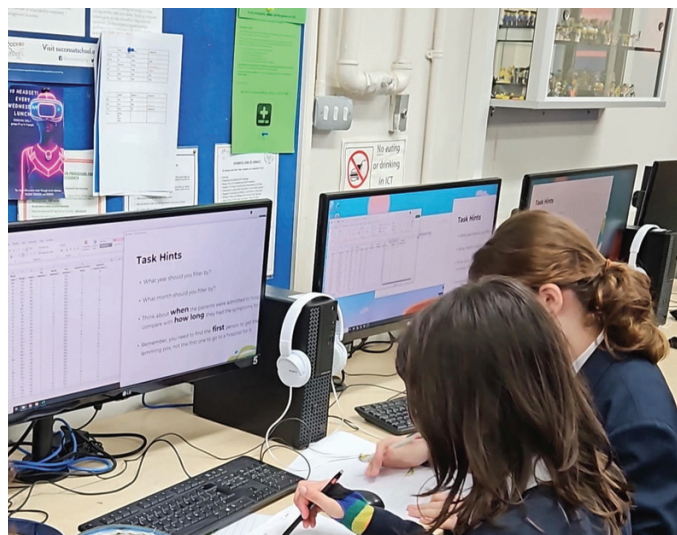
The event was attended by 42 pupils of 12-13 years old (Year 8) from The Folkestone School for Girls and St. John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School. They heard about the 2024 NCSC CyberFirst Girls Competition and practiced with awareness and cyber skills development activities. Five female cyber security experts elaborated on their career stories. More details [here](#).



Outreach activity

NCSC CyberFirst Trailblazers and Adventurers full-day event at The Folkestone School for Girls on 06 February 2025

The event was attended by over 40 pupils studying at The Folkestone School for Girls. The girls participated in one of the two parallel courses – Trailblazers for Year 8 and Adventurers for Year 9. At the end, they all received their CyberFirst certificates as a proof of their hard work. More details [here](#).



Outreach activity

NCSC CyberFirst Adventurers full-day event at the Dartford Grammar School for Girls on 16 June 2025

The event was attended by all 180 pupils of Year 9 studying at the Dartford Grammar School for Girls. It was a full day of activities, including six parallel CyberFirst Adventurers sessions, and a mini-competition of six additional cyber security puzzles. 16 volunteers supported the event and six of them shared their personal experience and tips on cyber security career. More details [here](#).



Wider engagement



Kent Police Open Day for Local Schools on 01 July 2024

Around 75 schools attended the event, adding to approximately 150 teachers and over 2,000 students of Year 6 (aged 10-11). More details [here](#).

'Celebrating Cyber' event on 22 May 2024

The event at the University of Kent's Canterbury campus celebrated a new academic partnership between the University of Kent and ISC2, some planned ISC2, and the award-winning outputs from the 2023-24 CyberAnything Competition. The competition called for creative and thought-provoking submissions from the University of Kent students, staff, alumni and public and was launched to raise awareness about cyber security and empower more individuals to learn how to protect themselves and others online. More details [here](#).



A cyber security awareness webinar for local organisations on 21 October 2024

The webinar was co-organised by the Eastern Cyber Resilience Centre (ECRC), iCSS and Kent & Medway Cyber Cluster (KMCC). It looked at the current threat of cyber-attacks in the UK, and discussed practical advice and real case studies, so participants could increase their resilience to cyber-attacks. More details [here](#).



Wider engagement

Supporting cyber security education and discussion across the University of Kent: Creative Cyber Exhibition in October 2024

As part of the activities organised for the Cyber Security Awareness Month, the creative cyber exhibition had the participation and was attended by the wider local community and by students from across the university. The materials on show resulted from the Cyber Anything Competition. More details [here](#).



Wider engagement

Supporting cyber security education and discussion across the University of Kent: Cyber/AI Fables workshop on 23 October 2024

This workshop saw University of Kent students and staff from all disciplines to create together fables that explore the ethical, social, and personal impacts of artificial intelligence and other digital technologies on our lives. More details [here](#).



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