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DCMS Update

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Cyber business resilience - Midlands



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How to protect your business from cyber criminals and ransomware

What is Cyber Essentials and how it will help your business stay safe

Free to attend event for minority owned businesses
Q&A in English, Punjabi, Hindi and Urdu

NCSC-Certified Training in Cybersecurity & Privacy Essentials

REGISTER TODAY!



14th March - Wolverhampton

15th March - Birmingham

16th March - Leicester

17th March - Coventry & Warwick

31st March - Hounslow

4th April - Birmingham

5th April - Derby

6th April - Nottingham



5:00 pm – 8:30 pm

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For further information or to enrol visit
<https://www.cm-alliance.com/dcms-cspe>

- Businesses will be able to attend the sessions during [March and April 2022 at locations](#) across the Midlands including: Wolverhampton, Birmingham and, Coventry,
- <https://www.cm-alliance.com/dcms-cspe>



Cyber community workshops - Midlands

A career path for your child in Cyber Security
FREE ONE HOUR CYBER SECURITY WORKSHOPS
FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGED 7-17.



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The workshops will provide an understanding of what cyber security is and means, with advice, guidance and fun activities for families.

The sessions will also deliver inspiring information on the educational path for careers in cyber security.

24th Feb- Smethwick
25th Feb- Dudley
26th/27th Feb- Walsall
5th March- Derby
5th/6th March- Wolverhampton
6th March- West Bromwich
12th March- Leicester
12th March- Northampton
13th March- Nottingham
19th March- Wolverhampton
19th March- Leicester
26th March- Wolverhampton
26th/27th March- Coventry
2nd April- Coventry
2nd April- Smethwick

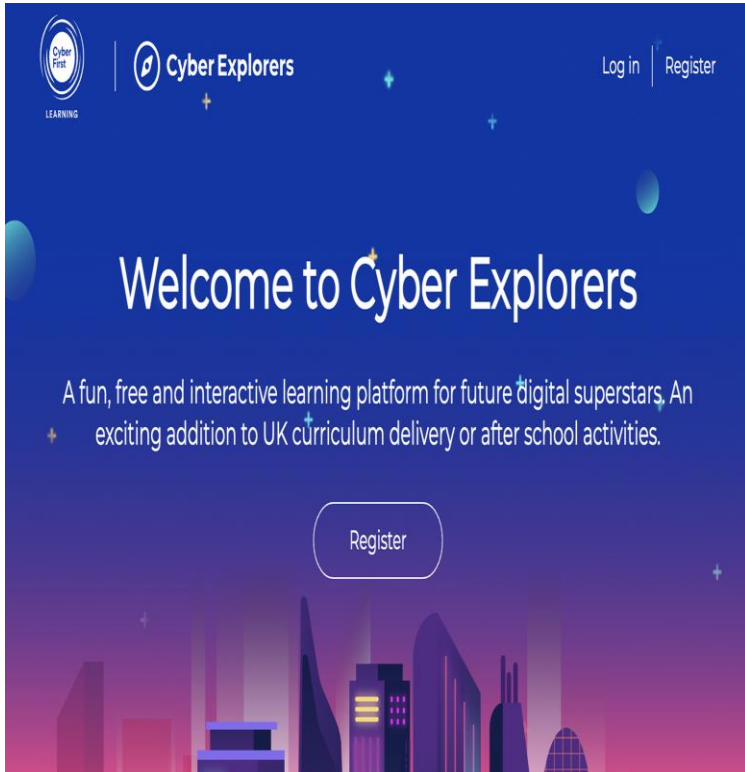


Book your free family places now!

[schoolofcodinguk.com/cyber-security-workshops/](https://www.schoolofcodinguk.com/cyber-security-workshops/)

- [free community cyber workshops](https://www.schoolofcodinguk.com/cyber-security-workshops/)
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Cyber Explorers



- [Cyber Explorers](https://www.cyberexplorers.co.uk/) for 11-14 year-olds across the UK to pursue interests and subject choices
- Informs pathway to a potential cyber security career through the education system.
- Learning platform, guiding participants through a series of characters and episodes in order to explore how cyber security can be a broad and exciting subject and career choice.
- Cyber Explorers complements the existing CyberFirst programme of activities, which is led by the National Cyber Security Centre. Schools in **Birmingham** are among the pilot areas to hold educational events for pupils and teachers.
- Schools and individuals can register here - <https://www.cyberexplorers.co.uk/>. More info can be found [here](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/cyber-explorers) <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/cyber-explorers>

National Cyber Security Centre guidance

Following Russia's further violation of Ukraine's territorial integrity, the [National Cyber Security Centre](#) has called on organisations in the UK to bolster their online defences.

The NCSC – which is a part of GCHQ – has urged organisations to follow its [guidance on steps to take when the cyber threat is heightened](#).

While the NCSC is not aware of any current specific threats to UK organisations in relation to events in and around Ukraine, there has been an historical pattern of cyber attacks on Ukraine with international consequences. The guidance encourages organisations to follow actionable steps that reduce the risk of falling victim to an attack.

National Cyber Security Centre guidance

- We're urging UK organisations to strengthen their cyber resilience in response to the situation in Ukraine.
- While we haven't yet seen evidence of the UK being targeted - **guidance will allow organisations to build resilience and stay ahead of potential threat**
- Here are some actionable steps that reduce the risk of falling victim to an attack, including:
 - patching systems;
 - improving access controls and enabling multi-factor authentication;
 - implementing an effective incident response plan;
 - checking that backups and restore mechanisms are working;
 - ensuring that online defences are working as expected, and;
 - keeping up to date with the latest threat and mitigation information.

National Cyber Security Centre guidance

We would also encourage you to follow the NCSC's social media channels: [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#) for further alerts and updates. If you have any questions, please contact enquiries@ncsc.gov.uk who will be happy to assist. Below are links to more information to support you.

- CNI, large orgs and public sector - [NCSC alert](#)
- SMEs - [Small business guide](#)
- Microbusinesses, sole traders - [Cyber Action plan](#)
- Citizens - www.cyberaware.gov.uk

Information to note:

- [National Cyber Strategy 2022](#) (15 Dec 2021)
- [Cyber resilience package announcement](#) (21 Jan)
 - [Profession consultation](#):
 - [Legislation consultation](#):
 - [Incentives & Regulation Review](#):
 - [Secure Connected Places guidance collection](#) -(15 December)
- [2022 Cyber Security Sectoral Analysis](#) (17 Feb)
- [Top Secret: From ciphers to cyber security](#): a free new exhibition in Bradford exploring the fascinating world of codebreaking, ciphers and secret communications.
- **DCMS cyber sector newsletter** is regularly issued - please subscribe cybersecurity@dcms.gov.uk