

**Police Scotland – Cyber Career Week**

Throughout UK Law Enforcement, we recognise that there is a significant lack of public awareness of offending in terms of the Computer Misuse Act 1990 which can result in young people inadvertently straying from curiosity to offending. We have a duty to preventatively educate and safeguard our communities from personal exploitation in the digital world. Police Scotland has recently started engaging with Education regarding the [Cyber Choices](https://nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/cyber-choices) Scotland programme which aims to raise awareness of the risks of venturing into Computer Misuse Act offending behaviour and diverting them towards using their cyber skills ethically and within the boundaries of the law.

As part of our Cyber Choices Scotland programme, Police Scotland’s Cybercrime Harm Prevention Team has been engaging with young people who are developing their digital skills and a keen interest in cyber by creating Cyber Careers Week.

Police Scotland’s Cyber Career Week is a virtual work experience programme which has been developed and delivered to up to thirty S4-S6 pupils at a time throughout Scotland. Attendees receive over 25 hours of content and participate in activities including developing their understanding of OSINT, social engineering, the ransomware kill chain and Police Scotland’s Cybercrime Harm Prevention team’s role in response to cyber-attacks. They also receive an input form an Ethical Hacking student. The students are tasked with developing their own response to a ransomware attack including elements of information sharing protocols, media strategies and the importance of exercising to prepare for potential attack.

The Cybercrime Harm Prevention Team currently offer two Cyber Career Week courses per year with the next planned for March 2024. If you have any cyber keen pupils who have skills that could benefit from attending Cyber Career Week please contact [CyberChoicesScotland@scotland.police.uk](mailto:CyberChoicesScotland@scotland.police.uk) .