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More young people in Scotland, particularly girls, are being invited to take part in a new series of free Online Cyber Security courses this summer, giving them the opportunity to develop valuable cyber skills and enrich their problem solving abilities.



The free CyberFirst courses, created by the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) in partnership with skills provider QA and children's education charity The Smallpiece Trust, will offer students aged 14-17 a dynamic introduction to the cyber security landscape.

The CyberFirst courses have been credit-rated by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) and will be available from **June - August** with three different course levels to choose from:

- **CyberFirst Defenders**, for 14-15-year-olds, introduces students to building and protecting small networks and personal devices.
- **CyberFirst Futures**, for 15-16-year-olds, allows students to explore advanced cyber security threats to devices, apps and software, then discover ways to prevent them.
- **CyberFirst Advanced**, for 16-17-year-olds, is designed for students already studying computer science, who will hone the skills and behaviours they need to enter the cyber security or computing workplace.

The courses provide SCQF credit points at SCQF levels 4, 5 and 6, and in Scotland also provides young people with Young Scot points!

<https://blogs.gov.scot/cyber-resilience/2020/05/19/more-spaces-added-to-online-cyber-security-courses-after-high-demand-from-scottish-pupils/>

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