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# NEWSLETTER





## **PRINCIPAL MESSAGE**

As 2019 draws to a close, it's time to reflect upon the year gone by. It has been a highly successful year at CECOS with record numbers studying on our programmes, nearly 360 learners, with us offering evening and weekend classes.

We have a range of excellent external speakers visiting the College to share their real life experiences with our students. In addition a comprehensive study skills programme has been delivered across all cohort groups covering areas such as academic writing, referencing, presentations and team working to name a few, all of which are designed to help our students develop and achieve for their future careers.

The Student Support center we established in October 2019 will be further enhanced to offer specialist learning needs such a dyslexia testing/support, individual counseling, mental health support and an employability service. Our brilliant Student Welfare Officer, Emma, organized a Christmas Jumper week and our fantastic students and staff have raised £537.23! An amazing achievement which will be split between Save the Children Fund and a wonderful local charity Haven House Children's Hospice.



2020 brings a new exciting opportunity with two new College partners and the offer of a top up degree from a large University to enable students to complete a full degree here at CECOS. This will be available later in the year.

Best wishes to all and have a well deserved break.



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## MARKS CORNER

Well good news following on from the last edition, both Harris and Marlon have joined my chicken flock and integrated well, producing a blue and white egg respectively!!



"Mavis leading the flock"



"Hariss & Marlon's first lay"

I also want to introduce to you my new feline family, Wendy and Bunty. On taking them to the vet indeed little fluffy Wendy is a girl but the smooth coated girl is actually a HE! We now called Bunty Boy.

They are both very active running up my back onto my shoulders when I return home to sunny Stoke on Trent . Great for them but not always good for me!!

More to follow in future editions.



# NEW COLLEGE COLLABORATIONS FOR CECOS COLLEGE IN 2020.

As we enter the new year, CECOS College are proud to announce that we have strengthened the student experience by entering into two new college partnerships that will bring our students a range of further facilities and teaching resources. These partnerships are sponsored by East Sussex College Group and New College Swindon.

## NEW COLLEGE SWINDON



For over three decades, New College Swindon has been providing a friendly, inclusive learning environment for learners of all ages and abilities from across Swindon and Wiltshire. We have a great team of academic and support staff who are committed to providing our students with the best teaching and learning, development opportunities and guidance throughout their time here.

They deliver academic qualifications (GCSEs, A-Levels), vocational qualifications, degree-level, apprenticeships, professional and business courses and training and leisure courses. They have something for all!

Learners have risen from 1,700 in 1996 to 10,000 in 2017/18, including 3000 16-18 learners and 7000 aged 19+. Each learner has their own personal goals. Whether it's to secure a university place, kick-start their dream career, or gain a promotion or discover a new hobby and meet new people, we have a course to help them achieve that.

## EAST SUSSEX COLLEGE



As the leading destination for Further Education in East Sussex you will find a variety of courses to suit you and your learning style at East Sussex College. We offer a number of traditional Sixth Form subjects, alongside vocational and professional courses, apprenticeships and re-engagement programmes. East Sussex College also welcomes Higher Education learners, with a range of Degree-level courses available. Our International study programmes, based in Eastbourne, Hastings and Lewes, offer top-rated education to overseas students looking to improve their English or study other subjects alongside English.

We look forward to both these collaborative partnerships in 2020.

# STUDENT SUPPORT CENTRE GOES LIVE

The Student Support Centre is your first port of call for all questions, help or advice throughout your time at CECOS College, providing you with the support you need to be successful in your studies and beyond.

The Centre is staffed by the Student Welfare Officer who is able to advise you or point you in the right direction for a range of academic and non-academic issues, including:

- Module and programme advice
- Timetable queries
- Coursework and exams queries
- Extenuating circumstances
- Financial support (initial conversation and possible direction to a specialist team)
- Disability assistance
- Placements (you will be directed to a Placement Coordinator)
- Welfare and wellbeing (initial conversation and possible direction to a specialist team)
- Transfers, suspensions and withdrawals
- Academic Engagement
- Appeals and complaints
- Academic study support

Next time you need any advice then please contact Emma Buhtina at [studentsupport@cecos.ac.uk](mailto:studentsupport@cecos.ac.uk) to book an appointment.



**Academic Support**  
**Career Support**  
**General Guidance**



# EVENTS

## HNC CEREMONY



# CHRISTMAS JUMPER WEEK FUNDRAISER



## RALPH LEWIS VISITS CECOS COLLEGE LONDON

Ralph Lewis, the Senior Programme Director from the prestigious London Business School visits CECOS COLLEGE London on 27th November 2019. He delivered a lecture on HR and Leadership skills to our HND students. Ralph, an accredited Learning Facilitator/Programme Director at London Business School, helps people lead from their strengths to perform their best. His focus is on people and organisations which need better leadership to implement business strategies and improve performance. Ralph's experience is international within a wide variety of sectors and organisations and at all levels. He is an author of a number of internationally renowned books. His clients include Barclays Bank, Goldman Sachs, Unisys, Honeywell Bull, Unilever, NHS, British Council, British Parliament and many other prestigious names.





## STAFF IN SPOTLIGHT

# MAHAMAD FARAH

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### 1. What is your job role in CECOS College and what is a typical day for you?

*I am an administrator/ receptionist at CECOS College, I started in mid September and I really enjoy the work I do here. There is no typical day at CECOS College, it is so vast and ranges from telephone enquiries to students coming to reception for help with either Moodle or with books from the library as well as checking attendances & timetables to sometimes handling student finance enquiries. I am confident in what I do at CECOS College and strive to do my best here.*

### 2. What is the one thing you cannot resist ?

*I can't resist chocolates, I'm a chocohol-*

### 3. What is your greatest fear?

*I hate heights, especially sky*

### 4. Where is your favourite place to be?

*Nando's, I can't resist*

### 5. Where is the best place you've travelled to and why?

*My favourite place to go to on holiday is my home country Somalia, the capital is a beautiful place and the beach is a sight to behold.*

6. What's the weirdest job you've ever had?

*A security job at numerous football clubs where I came across football hooligans.*

7. What would you do (for a career) if you weren't doing this?

*I'd probably be working in sales.*

8. Any favourite line from a movie?

*I have three favourite quotes; one of them is when Don Vito Corleone said "I'm going to make him an offer he can't refuse." The Godfather, 1972, another one is when Littlefinger said "Chaos isn't a pit, chaos is a ladder" Game of Thrones, 2019, my last favourite quote is from Scarface when Tony Montana said "Say hello to my little friend", Scarface, 1983.*

9. Tell us something that might surprise us about you.

*I can juggle with one hand.*

10. If you could choose anyone, who would you pick as your mentor?

*Sir Alan Sugar.*

11. If you could learn to do anything, what would it be?

*I would like to learn languages, Italian & Arabic to be exact.*

12. What are 3 words you'd use to describe CECOS College?

*Surprising, heart-warming & eventful.*

13. If you won the lottery, what is the first thing you would do?

*Fly away to the Bahamas on a vacation.*

14. When you have 30 minutes of free-time, how do you pass the time?

*Just call family & friends.*

15. What's your favourite indoor/outdoor activity?

*Boxing/Football*

16. What is the first concert you attended?

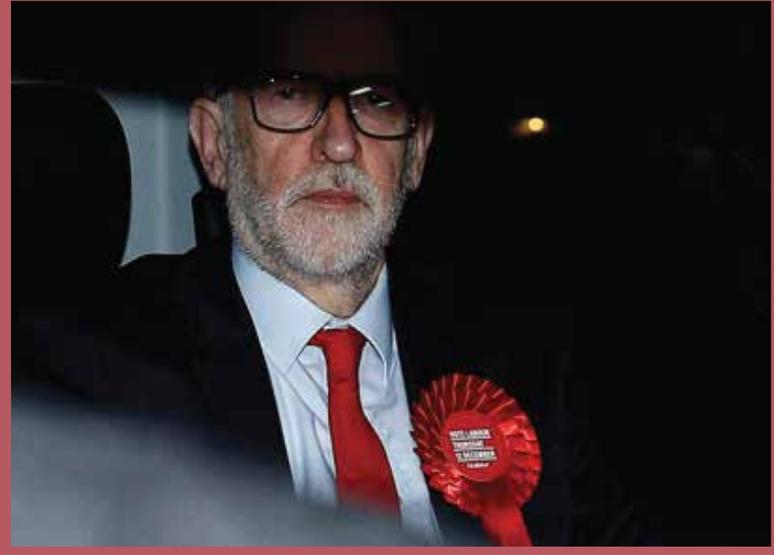
*Drake*

17. What music is on your iPhone/Android phone?

*Hip/hop, Rap & Pop.*

# AND IN OTHER NEWS.....

## Election 2019 in Pictures





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Functional Skills (English & Maths)



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