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PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

I am delighted to join CECOS as principal at the beginning of this new academic year.

This is an exciting time for the college as we grow our student numbers on our higher National programmes as we also seek a University partner to offer a top up degree and ultimately a full free year degrees.

Well a little bit about my background. I have worked in Higher education for over 30 years as Head of Biology at University of Wolverhampton & Director of Educational Partnerships at De Montfort University and worked for 6 years as a higher education college consultant for KPMG. Most lastly I have spent 7 years at a large Private higher education college in central London.

I am passionate about the student experience and put students at the centre of all we do offering not only excellent learning and teaching but also outstanding student support. We are also developing dedicated student support centre to offer advice and guidance, learning support and additional learner needs.

The college is also running a series of employability workshops to help with career development and advice. In November we'll launch the CECOS student council which will consist of representatives how each cohort group to ensure that the Cecos student voice is both listened to and acted upon. So please get involved put your names forward to make the college an even more fulfilling place of study.

I look forward to meeting you all and best wishes in your studies.

Best Wishes
Professor Mark Mabey
Principal



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PREVENT DUTY

We were delighted to welcome Faye Hussain who is the Prevent Education officer for the local borough of Redbridge on Tuesday 15th October 2019 to talk to the Senior Management Team about key issues relating to Prevent and the surrounding area of the college.

I am sure you have seen the posters around the college and talks at induction as we take the issue of radicalisation very seriously here at Cecos.

We will be running a series of Prevent Training sessions in January 2020 for all student representatives who will then cascade this to fellow students.



PRINCIPAL'S DIARY

In this newly-formed segment, our Principal Mark Mabey will be sharing his thoughts with students, as well as tips and advice on making the most of your college life. So keep following!

MAKE YOUR MARK

We have high expectations of all of our students and will help develop into independent learners through a range of tasks and activities that will bring out the best in each individual. At the same time, personal support is never far away and staff operate an open door policy so that you can get help when you need it .

So don't be afraid to ask questions. Try out your own ideas and learn from mistakes as these will give you the best preparation for success in your chosen career.

It is important to also maintain a effective work life balance. As many of you know I have 7 chickens at home, well in the garden actually! At the weekend we had two new addition to the chicken family and decided to name them Hariss 2 and Marlon 2 after two of my fabulous CECOS colleagues. Their picture is below and I will give regular chicken updates to watch this space. Have fun!
Mark



A WARM WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW STUDENTS



We are delighted to have the new cohort of learners for September 2019 start their HNC and HND Business Course.

We wish you a great year with us and we will be here to help you throughout your course and beyond. Let your learner journey with CECOS College begin.

your Welfare Officer will be on hand to address any problems or issues throughout your student experience, Good Luck and Happy Learning.

Best wishes,
Emma Buhtina
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COLONEL STUART WILLIAMS SPEAKS ON LEADERSHIP AND TEAMS

CECOS College continues its ethos and culture of inviting industry speakers and professionals from all walks of life to speak to its students about their real-life experiences.

Colonel Stuart Williams was invited on 1st October 2019 to CECOS College. He delivered a short talk on Leadership, teams and HR to the new group of students. Col Stuart related his experience from the military with the contemporary workplace challenges and explored modern leadership and team building theories.

Colonel Stuart is a Deputy Commander at the HQ with British Army with an extensive background in leadership, change management and project planning. He has over 25 years' experience of leading people and developing teams, inspiring and challenging them to achieve their goals, enabling them to realise their full potential in order to add to the achievements of the various organisations they serve. As a Deputy Commander in a Headquarters that is responsible for supporting the Army footprint in the Eastern region of the UK (East Midlands and East Anglia), his focus is on building teams to better serve the region and those we support.



CECOS COLLEGE INVESTS IN THE FUTURE OF ITS STUDENTS - FREE EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS CLASSES

CECOS College has started employability skills training classes for its students – absolute free of cost. These classes are provided on the skills framework of CECOS College called as CREATE. Classes take place on Mondays and Tuesdays and usually cover the following skills:

- Project Management
- CV Writing
- Time Management
- Entrepreneurial Skills
- Working with Teams
- Creating Marketing Plans
- And many more.....

CECOS College London has four priorities over the next few years regarding its student employability and employer relations;

- Ensure that our education standards prepare our learners for the modern world and work;
- Create the right conditions for our learners to improve their work-related skills;
- Promote work readiness behaviours and attributes both in and outside the classroom;
- Ensure that our learners have a better understanding of industry by ensuring their interaction with businesses;
- Continue to work with employers and businesses;
- Bring industry to our classrooms;
- Engage employers in mentoring for our learners;
- Work Placements for our learners;

Free classes for CECOS College students

Employability Skills Sessions every week

Would you like to equip yourselves for the world of work?

Please feel free to join our free employability skills sessions

Every Monday and Tuesday

13:00 - 14:00



*Please ask at the reception or visit our website
www.cecoss.ac.uk*

CECOS COLLEGE EXPANDS WITH TWO ADDITIONAL SITES

To support the delivery of learning outside of London, CECOS College are proud to announce that they have expanded their operations and have classes running in Luton and Watford. Both sites have dedicated learning spaces with an additional 2 IT suites and 6 smaller 1:1 rooms for reviews, learner/employer meetings and pastoral support. Training rooms are specific to the sector in which we deliver, with 18 IT-specific spaces. There is a secure learning environment dedicated to learners including password protected computers. These facilities include networking labs and server training rooms. A big well done to the team for creating this opportunity to up skill learners and grow outside of London

WATFORD SITE



LUTON SITE





STAFF IN THE SPOTLIGHT- DR BASIT

After spending a successful year teaching in CECOS College Dr Basit has moved onto new pastures, to mark Dr Basit's time in CECOS he shares a few memories with us. Mr Basit over to you:

Here at CECOS, my job duties were teaching and assessing students' work. Generally, to me, a perfect day is not only about yourself, rather it's also about how you can give back and contribute towards society by helping other people do the same by improving their lives to do better. By supporting communities morally, financially, socially or intellectually. My perfect day includes smiling, laughing, eating and sharing good ideas with friends through social media and my class teaching. So for me, my typical day reflects my love of relaxation and sleep, my exercise, my work, cooking, friends, family and laughter. Things that yes, make not only my perfect day fabulous, but my whole life fabulous! Because I'm all for living a big, beautiful life.

I can't resist meeting good people, my friends, colleagues and students. I can't resist helping needy people. BUT, If you ask for a single thing, then I would say that I can't resist expressing and sharing my love, likeness, prayers and well wishes for my beloved students.

EVERY single day of mine at CECOS has been full of sweet and wonderful memories. Especially my class lectures, discussions, presentations, gossips with faculty members especially with Dr. Mudassir, Mr Ismail, Mr. Harris, Mr. Jawad, Mr. Fayaz, Mr. Tim, Mrs. Sadia, Mrs. Aziza have been so nice so beautiful that I can't explain in words. I am highly thankful to the excellent leadership and brilliant team of CECOS who made every day of mine a memorial day to the extent that I felt like being at home while being at CECOS. THESE beautiful moments will be part of my life and will keep on rejoicing my heart mind and soul. HOWEVER, my single best moment at CECOS was the visit of my beloved wife who is my life.

MY greatest fear is that I will miss my beloved students, friends and colleagues at CECOS college and UK.

MY favourite place to be at, is where there are my brilliant students who are keen to learn with full motivation, zeal and zest; and I deliver the lecture at my best with complete command, control and clarity of thoughts.

If I had not been a teacher then I might have been a lawyer (since people say that I am good at argumentation) or I might have been a social reformer.

Although I have seen maximum parts of the world, I liked and enjoyed Switzerland Norway Brazil Bali most and many other places, but, my best place is my sweet home where I eat chat and cheer with my family and cute kids.

AFTER leaving CECOS I will be resuming my job as Assistant Professor in Business School at my sponsoring university SIBA, Sukkur Pakistan.

I have done four Masters Degrees, I have six cute kids, I have travelled to all six continents and I live in the hearts of friends and students all around the world. I think at least one of these things might surprise you. AT the end, I express my deepest love and regards for all team faculty members and students.

Mr Basit we salute you and hope to see you soon.





AND IN OTHER NEWS.....

Tip 1:

Setting the clocks back by an hour at the end of October now means the mornings are lighter, which can have an effect on the time you wake up in the morning. To make sure you're getting sufficient rest, make sure your bedroom will be dark enough for you to achieve your full 8 hours.

Tip 2:

Paintballing and lunch for 10 - over 30 locations. Only £10. Details

<https://www.wowcher.co.uk/deal/london/12813387/paintballing-lunch-10-1055775>

Tip 3:

Marco's New York Italian two-course meal for two. Multiple locations. Only £19. Details

<https://www.groupon.co.uk/deals/marco-s-new-york-italian-10>

Tip 4:

Bruges day trip and return coach with Christmas market. Save up to 62%. Details

<https://www.livingsocial.co.uk/deal/london/12766353/bruges-christmas-market-day-trip>





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Functional Skills (English & Maths)



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