

# CECOS College London

## Festive Newsletter Autumn 2022



### *CELEBRATIONS AND SUCCESSES*



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# Principal's Message

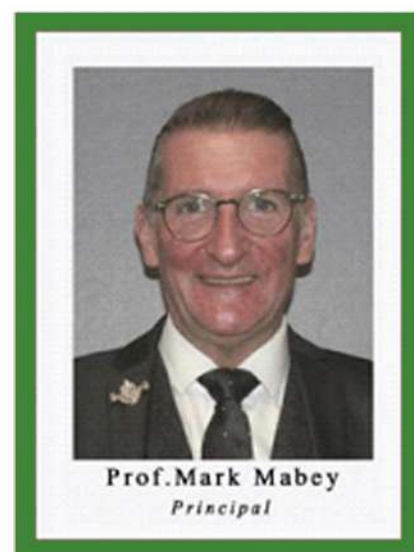
It was great to welcome our new learners to our campuses in London and Birmingham studying on our Pearson HND Business and our Training and Development programmes, as well as our Staffordshire University franchised courses this autumn.

We were delighted to commence the BSc (Hons) Health & Social Care along with the Masters in Business Administration (MBA). The College now has some 1600 learners and we are maintaining a 90% success and retention rate. We are also proud to announce that the National Student Survey published recently, rated the College 95% overall for student satisfaction which is an outstanding achievement.

A number of our BA (Hons) Business Management top up students attended the Staffordshire University graduation on the 15th November 2022 which was a wonderful celebration of their success and a joyous occasion for the graduates and their families.

The year seems to have passed very quickly as we returned to normality with face to face teaching sessions on the College campuses. However, the year has also been tinged with some sadness by the passing of our Queen Elizabeth II.

On behalf of the College, I would like to wish those of you celebrating Christmas festivities a wonderful time and we are excited to welcome in the New Year and the challenges and opportunities it brings with it.



## What's happening in the Education Sector

### *The Autumn Statement – Implications for Education*

Sadly, further education was offered no extra funding in Thursday's autumn statement despite pleas for more resources to relieve hikes in costs and staffing challenges. Forecasts by the Institute for Fiscal Studies had predicted that:

- total spending on adult education was already set to be 25 per cent lower in 2024-2025. This is critical for national development.
- it also calculated that per-student funding in colleges was already 15 per cent lower in real terms in 2021-22 than in 2020-21.

The good news is that at CECOS we are resilient, inventive and will continue to deliver great education opportunities for our learners despite government policy.

Like FE, the budget was relatively silent on HE. However, Research & Development funding will increase to £20bn in 2024-25. Critical for national development of course, and it's good to see the HE rich get richer!





It was better news for the schools sector, who will receive a £2.3 billion boost in 2023-24, and then again in 2024-25. The extra £4.6 billion will restore per pupil funding to 2010 levels in real terms, the government said. So good news for all you parents of school aged children.

### *Apprenticeship Funding*

As if the failure to increase FE and HE funding wasn't disappointing enough, we now find out from the Treasury that more than £2 billion of unspent apprenticeship funding has been returned to treasury since 2018.



### *DfE to press ahead with defunding around 3,500 post-16 entry and level 2 VTQs*

Following the sector consultation, the DfE says that it intends to go ahead with the proposals because 'the volume of such qualifications currently available is too complex for employers and students to navigate'. We will be reviewing this and how it impacts our FE provision.

### *Office for Students says HE providers could face fines if not enough of their graduates get graduate-level jobs*

On 30 September, the OfS introduced new measures which could result in HE providers in England facing financial penalties of up to £500,000 unless at least: 75% of their full-time students studying for a first degree complete their course and 60% go on to higher study or into a professional level job within 15 months of graduating.

### *New report says that up to 300,000 poorer students urgently need additional financial support*

Earlier this month, 'MillionPlus', an organisation that represents 'new' universities, published a report entitled 'Learning with the lights off: students and the cost of living'. The report says that around 300,000 of the poorest students 'desperately need additional financial support'. Responding, a DfE spokesperson signposted hardship related funding which is available through the OfS'.

### *Continued growth of international students coming to the UK to study*

In 2020/21 there were a total of 605,130 international students studying in UK universities and colleges. This is the largest number on record and exceeds the target of recruiting 600,000 students by 2030 set by government. Of these students, 152,905 were from the EU and 452,225 were non-EU. Tuition fee income from non-EU students has also grown substantially, now making up 17% of UK universities' total income in 2020/21.

And finally...

A CECOS lecturer was teaching an ESOL class. She said, 'I normally comes before E, but can anyone give me an example of an exception to this rule'. Her students thought about this for a while, then one of them said 'Yes, Old Macdonald had a farm'.

Wishing you all a merry festive season and a Happy New Year!

Happy  
New  
Year





# Meet the Governing Body of CECOS College

Hello and welcome!

We the Governors at CECOS College are delighted that you have elected to study here and thank you for choosing CECOS College to be your education and training provider of choice. As Governors, our role is to ensure that we operate in the best interests of you, our learners, together with the interests of employers and to ensure that the public funds that CECOS College receives are well spent and focused upon meeting our strategic objectives and Government priorities.

The role of the Governing Body is to both challenge and support the Senior Management Team of CECOS College and provide input into the strategic aims and objectives of the organisation.

Should you wish to contact the Governing Body, please contact us via [Governors@cecos.ac.uk](mailto:Governors@cecos.ac.uk)

## Let's get to know your Governing Body better

### Paul Jones, Chair of Governors

Paul has worked in the education sector for over 12 years and has been responsible for the oversight and quality of several different types of educational provision.

**Interesting Fact:** Paul has been one of the 3 Lions mascots during the England Ladies international football match against Spain



### Chris McLean, Vice-Chair

Chris has worked in Further and Higher Education for over 30 years, with a particular interest in lifelong learning and continuing education.

He has a long history of engagement with the widening participation agenda and is passionate about opening up opportunities for all who wish to participate in learning.

**Interesting Fact:** Chris has a dog called Ruby who turned 2 on Halloween.



### Dr Mudassir Tanveer, Managing Director of CECOS

Committed to making a positive difference to the lives of others, he has worked closely with the commercial and third sectors and with local politicians. Dr Tanveer is a serving board member of a medical charity which helps thousands of underprivileged individuals.

**Interesting Fact:** Dr Tanveer has constructed a cricket pitch in his back garden





## Professor Mark Mabey, College Principal

Professor Mabey has spent the past 30 years working in the UK Higher Education sector. He initially worked as a medical microbiologist lecturing at Manchester Polytechnic and then at the University of Wolverhampton as Head of Applied Biology. Professor Mabey has held several senior management roles, including two Principal positions.

**Interesting Fact:** During Professor Mabey's spare time he makes batches of honey with the help of his many bees



## Hariss Pervez, Further Education Director

Hariss is a senior leader who has 15 years' experience in the further education sector. Hariss is currently responsible for managing a variety of programmes at CECOS. Over the past few years Hariss has been instrumental in growing CECOS College's joined up services of Further Education, Apprenticeships and Employability.

**Interesting Fact:** Hariss loves watching classic Eastenders episodes from the 90s



## Victoria Sylvester, CECOS Governor

Twenty years ago, Victoria Sylvester was a nurse working on the ward in North Staffs Hospital. Since then, she has launched, led and grown a successful company, which now employs 90 people, while raising her four children (aged 13, 11, 10 and 6). In 2019 she became the first woman on the board of the multinational corporation, MBH.

**Interesting Fact:** Victoria loves Lego and when she needs head space she goes all out and builds Lego with lights and movement



## Martin Butcher, CECOS Governor

Martin has been in the Education and Recruitment business for over 30 years including serving as part of various advisory boards. Previously owner of a leading training provider, arguably the most successful ESF provider in London. His company won contracts every year from 2009 onwards and grew more than ten-fold from £500k to £6 million turnover in less than 10 years.

**Interesting Fact:** Martin is currently refurbishing a property in Slovenia





## Fatima Nazir, Staff Governor

Fatima's role is to represent the staff of CECOS and put forward their views in relation to the strategic direction of the organisation. Fatima has extensive experience of working in a higher education institution (HEI) in the UK for over a decade.

Fatima creates and actively promotes institutional strategic plans and policies to implement best practices in supporting learning, recognising impact and achievements. Through Fatima's contribution to the HEI developments, she brings an informed and influential perspective to the organisation she is associated with.

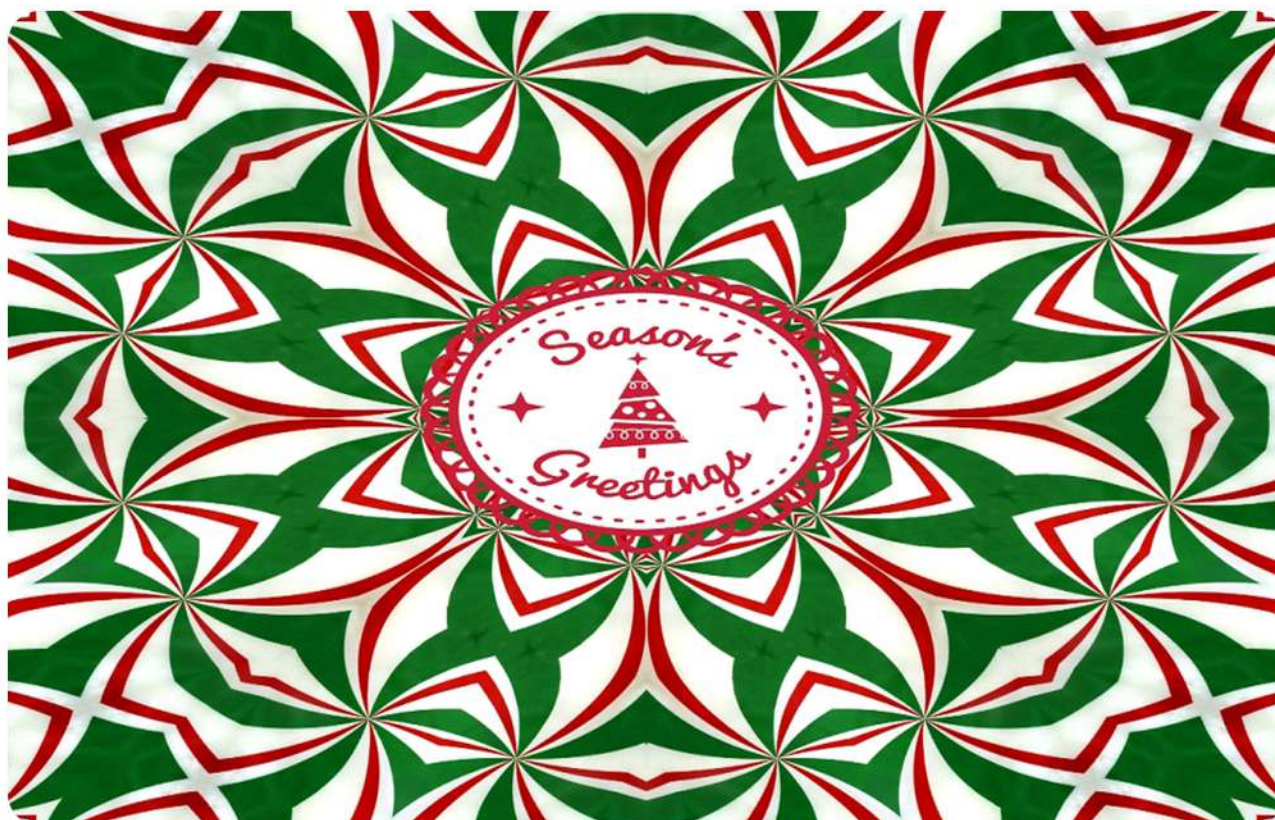
**Interesting Fact:** Fatima Is passionate about human /children's rights and champions this with podcasts and poems



## Alia Khan, Student Governor

Alia's role is to represent the students of CECOS and put forward their views in relation to the strategic direction of the organisation. Alia's student journey begun in 2018 with her studying HNC in Business and currently is on our MBA programme in Business,

**Interesting Fact:** Alia has a son in the Police force





# HE Updates – BMSF|BMS|HNs

Happy autumn term to all our students! We look forward to celebrating the exponential growth of the student community at CECOS studying on the Business Management and Sustainability Foundation year (BMSF) and the BA (Hons) in Business, Management and Sustainability Year 1. The students and staff have showcased excellent practice in working together to achieve student success. This is a result of staff and students committing time and effort, team players co-operating fully with each other, and everyone having the courage to put themselves forward to embrace the opportunity. We all know the importance of working hard at CECOS to gain knowledge, skills and qualifications to increase the future options and choices available to students, but it is the extra 'stuff' that enriches life and makes it more fulfilling.



There may well be end of term assessments ahead for all our students but this should be a time to celebrate what they have learned, and learn from what they haven't, and continue to enjoy the support, love and friendship from everyone around them.

At a CECOS round-up meeting recently, our speakers talked of the achievement by the HNC/HND staff and students. The success rate from the previous term remained at 90-95% whereas retention rate remains at 95-97%. The depth of experience and knowledge students get is not only about academic learning but learning for life, including culture, people, friendships, freedom, challenge, and education.

These hidden lessons arise from being in new environments which, for our students and opens minds amazing opportunities to broaden horizons and take away the fear of learning. Student engagement with learning boosts confidence and opens minds to effective knowledge transfer. As a multicultural community we at CECOS aim to continue to provide enhanced learning experiences for our entire student community.

So a very warm welcome to all students who have joined us this term – we are delighted you have chosen to study with us.





## Update from Education and Training

On behalf of the CECOS College London and the Department of Education and Training, we would like to thank all our students who have chosen, post degree, to continue their studies with us on the Diploma in Education and Training. We would also like to convey a heartfelt welcome to all our new students in whom we see great potential in becoming dedicated teaching professionals in the not too distant future.

As always, the teaching and administration team in the Education and Training Department take special pride in providing help and valued support for our students. Every member of our team is ready to offer advice and guidance to support progress and achievement, and to motivate students including through monitoring attendance and encouraging their academic efforts. The outcomes of the work with our students has been reflected in their overall achievement and success.

To ensure effective and valued support to our students, we continue to seek ever more qualified and experienced staff to delivery education and training across the CECOS campuses. At the same time, we are also focusing on building our alumni network to improve our network of student support. Finally, we wish all our students every continued success in developing teaching in their specialist areas of interest.



## Update from Health and Social Care

We are delighted to report that in partnership with Staffordshire University, we have enrolled our first cohort of students on to the BSC (Hons.) Health and Social Care programme. The programme has been introduced in response to growing shortages of suitably qualified care supervisors and managers.

We extend our warm welcome to all our Health and Social Care students and wish them good luck and every success in their studies.



# CECOS College Graduation Ceremony October 2022

Our long awaited graduation event took place on Friday 14th October at the SATAY Banqueting Suite in Edmonton Green, just a two minute walk from the College campus. This is the first formal graduation that has been organised and hosted by CECOS College and our thanks go to all those who worked so hard to ensure that the event would be a success.

We are so proud of the successes of all our students, and very pleased that more than 130 of our students accompanied by their families were able to attend the event. With an

achievement rate of over 90%, this makes our student completion rate amongst the best in the country!



The senior and academic staff processed with pride towards the podium, embracing the success of their students whose learning journey they have supported. The Principal, Professor Mark Mabey, gave the opening address and the Dr Mudassir Tanveer, the Managing Director the closing address, both of which highlighted the scale of the successes being celebrated.



The graduating students came forward individually to formally receive their scrolls in their graduation gowns. Each was congratulated by Professor Mark Mabey, the Principal or Dr Mudassir Tanveer, the Managing Director, watched and applauded by their families and friends and all the staff. All those present were aware of all the hard work, determination and perseverance it had taken for students to achieve their success.



Dr Tanveer affirmed to those present that this is just the beginning of the CECOS mission to open its doors to all those who wish to gain new knowledge and skills and to enhance their career opportunities. New opportunities for learning and personal development will be unveiled very soon.



A poem was recited by Ms. Fatima Nazir, Programme Manager for Business provision, and a special graduation song sung by Ms. Emma Buhtina, Head of Student Services. The atmosphere became lively the students celebrated their success with their loved ones clapped along to the song with their hands in the air and their phone lights on.



We as a CECOS family promise that we will continue to support the aspirations of our students, helping them to grow their abilities and fulfilling their dreams. We have not doubt that no matter what challenges our graduates face, they will make a positive contribution to society and help to change the world for a better tomorrow.

The Ceremony was followed by a generous graduation lunch for all.



We look forward to many more graduation celebrations and to welcoming new students to a wider range of programmes, and to continuing to promote achievement and success.

MANY CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR GRADUATES!



## CECOS Graduation 2022 – A personal reflection

It was an immense pleasure being a part of the CECOS Graduation ceremony and witnessing all the students manifesting their dreams into reality.

The event spoke of the hard work, determination and perseverance of every student which contributed to the success being celebrated. As an International Student I believe that every student brings with them a unique set of talents, skills and abilities which help them to meet the challenges of their studies.

It is wonderful to experience CECOS College with its diversity of students from various cultures, backgrounds, and age groups. The College focuses on inclusively, recognising and celebrating the talents of its students, and supporting them on the pathway to making their dreams to come true.



There was one moment that particularly touched my heart, which was when a young proud mum accompanied by her young her son received her graduation scroll. This is truly breaking barriers and being a role model, not only for her son but for everyone, proving that anything is possible. This motivated me to realise that “No matter how hard your situation is, all that you need is the intent and ability to accomplish great things.”



When the graduates threw their mortarboards in the air, I experienced a moment of deep pride for being a small drop in the mighty ocean of the CECOS College success stories.

-Preethi Arul Raja



## FE Update – West Yorkshire and North Tyne Combined Authority



### Kirklees Learners - Celebrate Success

CECOS Principal, Mark Mabey, was joined by Joanne Taylor from West Yorkshire Combined Authority and Sahila Butt from The Adult Learning Centre to celebrate the success of a cohort of female learners in Batley. The learners have undertaken a range of courses with CECOS College including Digital Skills, Functional Skills, Autism Awareness, Wellbeing and Young Persons Mental Health. The ladies have all overcome a wide variety of barriers to achieve their qualifications and it was very rewarding to be able to spend time listening to their experiences.







## Hard as nails in the North East!



During November our Newcastle centre had a training session demonstrating required pressure when preparing nails. All participants fully enjoyed the session and found it very constructive.

## Benefits of learning in the community - Newcastle

Well done to our Functional Skills class in Newcastle which is taught by Shenaz. This is another example of community led classes being run for learners who would not have access to education.





## ESOL Provision - Leeds

We are delighted to have been able to commence our first formal ESOL classes for the 22/23 academic year. Our brilliant tutor Mizba is now delivering both accredited and non-accredited ESOL classes from the ASHA Neighbourhood Project in the Beeston area of the city.

Classes are currently taking place every Thursday and Friday and we will be rolling out ESOL classes in Bradford from December onwards.

## Free Courses for Jobs

We are happy to announce that we were successful with our tender for the 'FCFJ provision' through West Yorkshire Combined Authority. This will allow learners to access fully funded Level 3 diplomas which will act as a springboard to greater employment opportunities or advances into higher education. (Or both!)

We welcomed our first cohort to the Diploma in Business in October and anticipate significant demand as we move into 2023.





## In with the new

In July 2022 we said goodbye to our FE Centre in Leeds City Centre and opened an exciting new chapter for CECOS with the purchase of a college building in Bradford City Centre. This will allow us to offer learners a pathway of provision from pre-entry to Level 6. Development work is well underway and we look forward to welcoming our first learners to campus in 2023.

## Growing the CECOS family

There is baby fever at the moment with another addition and bundle of joy at CECOS College. Lovely Maria Timis gave birth to a beautiful baby girl 'Maya Evelyn'. All of CECOS College would like to send lots of love and we can't wait to meet the little princess.





## Staffordshire Graduation – 15 November 2022

Once again CECOS was proud to see so many of its BA (Hons) in Business Management Students graduate at Staffordshire University. The majority of our student again graduated with first or upper second class degrees, a testimony to the hard work and the high quality learning and teaching support they received.



The students and staff who travelled up to the Staffordshire University campus were made to feel very welcome and their achievements applauded. A very happy experience was had by all, and congratulations to our successful students!

CECOS College has a fantastic track record for student achievement on the BA (Hons) Business Management, with the majority of the successful students achieving a first or upper second class degree'.

Congratulations to our students and we know many more students are already following in their footsteps.

A "Fantastic and Proud Occasion" was the comment made by our Principal Professor Mark Mabey to sum up the day.





# Staff in the Spotlight – Preethi

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

I work as an Admissions Officer at CECOS College. I verify, process, and evaluate the applications of prospective students and enroll them in their chosen course. It gives me immense pleasure to be in the frontline and to have contact with each student's educational journey.

The best part of my role is that I get to interview students; I love being on the other side of the table, listening to their interests and experiences and helping them to pursue their educational goals, whatever they may be.

**What is the one thing you cannot resist?**

I cannot resist taking pictures of cute things be it a dog, a butterfly, a mountain, the sky or the moon.

**What is your greatest fear?**

I think life is too short and too precious to fear anything other than a life unlived.

**Where is your favourite place to be?**

Home is where my heart is! I love my home and my hometown because that's where my world revolves (friends and family).

**Where is the best place you've travelled to and why?**

I am always fond of oceans, sunsets, beaches, rivers, and waterfalls. One place that has all the above is the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, it's a paradise on Earth.

**What would you do (For a career) if you weren't doing this?**

I love interacting with people and if I wasn't doing this role, I would have been a relationship coach.

**Any favourite line from a movie?**

'This part of my life, this little part, is called happiness' -The Pursuit of Happiness.  
'When you play the game of thrones, you win or you die. There is no middle ground'. - Game of Thrones.

My thoughts are stars I can't fathom into constellations' – The Fault of in Our Stars'.





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

I love to learn many things especially adventurous activities like scuba diving and skydiving, also star gazing and astrology. I am a multi-lingual person and I am enthusiastic about learning new languages.

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

Enriching  
Remarkable  
Cheerful

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

I would pack my bags and go on a world tour for a year.

**What music is on your iPhone?**

Taylor Swift, Ariana Grande, OK Kanmani- Indian album.

**What chore do you absolutely hate doing?**

I am pretty happy to do anything. However, during my weekends I would be much happier without having to do any chores.

**If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you meet?**

I would meet Diana, the Princess of Wales. My mum is a great fan of hers and I grew up seeing images of her. In fact, I had the same hair cut as her when I was in my fourth grade.





# An MBA Student's Perspective on reflection, learning and development

Four years ago in 2018, I was looking for a qualification which would meet my personal needs and would support my advancement in labour market. From friend of mine I heard about CECOS College London and the Diploma in Business Management they were offering. After looking at the course information on the CECOS website, I found out that the programme includes units on Entrepreneurship and Human Resource Management, two areas of primary interest to me as a beginner with limited knowledge of business.

After two years I achieved my Higher National level business education I achieved by Higher National Diploma with Merit. As I really enjoyed each unit of this program, I started exploring organisational culture in depth, a very important part of today's work environment.



Because of CECOS College's motivational tutors who taught and supported my progress, I decided to continue to study for one more year to top up my Diploma to a BA (Hons) in Business Management degree. This additional year and qualification helped to boost my self- confidence, organisational skills, and critical thinking in relation to problems. Having a bachelor's degree also helped me to change job and industry sector, and now I work as marketing officer.

Marketing is a dynamic field requiring good market awareness and research skills, which I am proud to say I have developed through the three good years dedicated to learning and understanding business concepts and approaches.

Although a degree is important, I think that the increased awareness of the global issues, and an expanded network of contacts, are equally part of the value gained from taking the time to study.

To conclude this reflective statement, I should add that I am currently continue my learning having progressed to an MBA in Marketing. I am part of the first group of students to be accepted by CECOS College London on to this Masters programme which is offered in partnership with Staffordshire University. As part of my continuing development, I find myself looking for opportunities to read books and articles which will advance my career and allow me to apply the knowledge I am gathering.

Motivation, knowledge, and support are three of the main factors which have supported my personal journey towards self-actualisation. I am grateful to my peers and to the tutors at CECOS College London whose support has helped me to reach this stage.

Nikolina Hristeva, MBA student.



## CECOS COLLEGE STUDENT VIEWS & FEEDBACK

Student's views are a very important source of information for all of us at CECOS College, and we encourage all students not only to complete their end of induction and end of module surveys but also their end of programme survey. The survey information, along with feedback provided by student representatives at programme and College committees informs our priorities for building improvements to the student experience at CECOS College.



Students who come to the end of their programme also complete the National Student Survey (NSS), results of which are published by the Office for Students on their website. We are very proud of the latest NSS survey results confirm a 95% student satisfaction score with CECOS College provision.

Students also provide feedback to their lecturers and to student support and student services through informal conversations, and these also inform our priorities for enhancement.

Students have confirmed that they are happy with the quality of the teaching they received, and the quality of resources and information available through the virtual learning environment and the online resources.

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More help and support with Information Technology (IT) and skills would be helpful.	Drop in IT sessions are now available to students every Tuesday and Thursday between 13.00 – 13.30
More clarification and assignment support to be provided as part of teaching as well as Study Skills support.	Lecturers have been asked to link part of their teaching sessions to coverage of assessment tasks and the nature of evidence which will be needed. In addition, more time is being allocated to developing the skills needed to meet the assignment requirements as part of study skills sessions.
More practical activities and opportunities for active engagement in learning as part of timetabled teaching sessions.	Staff development and feedback from teaching observations is encouraging lecturers to include more practical activities as part of their classes.
Formal event to mark student achievement and success, including for those students who cannot afford to travel to Staffordshire University graduation.	The College organised a CECOS Graduation event on the 14th October in a venue close to the College to which all students who had completed a higher education qualification since 2018 were invited. The event was free and included lunch for graduating students and their guests.

If you have anything to say about your experience, please let us know either via student services, or online.



## The launch of the new Masters in Business Administration (Marketing Pathway) at CECOS

CECOS College is proud to announce that our first intake of MBA students have started their programme of study with us.

The MBA journey is the next stage of our business studies students' academic pathway. They all come to an MBA after a few intense years of completing undergraduate courses, where they're largely focused on gaining business knowledge and on their academic and professional growth. We are



proud that 100% of our MBA students today, have been part of CECOS for the last few years - completing their first HNC and HND, then progressing to a BA (Hons) Business Management Top-Up degree before moving on to the Masters level.



CECOS College offers the MBA (Marketing Pathway) programme in partnership with Staffordshire University. Our MBA is specifically designed to meet the challenges of today's commercial world by developing the management and leadership competencies of strategic and organisational agility, a broad customer focus, and an understanding of methods to drive forward results and new developments. Because all paths to career advancement rely on the prudent development of these key competencies, every one of our MBA modules is mapped to one of them.

The programme aims to establish a solid basis for career advancement and new employment opportunities for students, changing their own and their families' lives in preparation for a better future. Every one of our students has worked really hard to be eligible for the MBA, and they are now looking forward to improving their career opportunities and to building a better, brighter future. We at CECOS College are very proud to have our MBA students with us, and look forward to celebrating their continuing success.



## An MBA student perspective

Hello everyone my name is Alia Khan and I have been a student at CECOS College London since 2018. I first completed my HND in Business and was then able to progress to and successfully complete the BA (Hons) in Business Management (top up to degree). Having successfully achieve my degree, I decided to complete the Diploma in Education and Training (DET) which will allow me



to teach adult students. I have recently started my Masters in Business Administration (MBA) - Marketing Pathway with CECOS College.

When I decided to start my studies after a long break, I was motivated by the thought of improving my future prospects and gaining skills which would support my progression in the world of work. I know that I made the right choice in choosing to study business at CECOS College past and current studies based on my positive experiences. The tutors are amazing at connecting with students. They are completely natural and understand their students.

My studies and college experiences have allowed me to gain confidence, skills and professionalism. This includes the development of significant critical thinking skills and well-disciplined study habits. CECOS College has also helped me to develop emotionally. This includes better handling of change and managing expectations. I have become more emotionally intelligent.

I have also learnt to make better, longer-lasting relationships. Many of my good college friends are now my lifelong friends. CECOS College's influence has also helped me with my professional life as well. Now I am a highly motivated, reliable, efficient, and responsible person who is seeking a position where leadership and management skills are valued.

I am extremely appreciative of the opportunity to study for an MBA which allows me to develop my knowledge and skills for a career in business. My CECOS College past are current studies open up exciting new opportunities for development in my personal and professional life.





## Opening doors to Business Studies at Level 3 and above!

Ever wondered what it would be like to be able to study Business and to perhaps go on to get a diploma or a degree, but think that you would not be accepted? Many people leave school without qualifications that will allow them to gain entry to higher level studies.

CECOS College has given this some thought! Over the summer the College introduced the **level 3 Diploma in Business (DiB)** as an online study course. The diploma in business provides successful learners with a qualification which is not only nationally and internationally recognised, but is accepted for entry into higher level studies both by CECOS College and other higher education providers in the UK.

Students may choose to go on to study for Higher National Certificates and Diplomas in Business as well as to progress to a Bachelors degree in Business Management offered by CECOS College. Alternatively, learners seeking to study at higher levels may choose to progress to other qualifications accredited to the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) which also provide knowledge and skills valued by employers.

Learners achieving the DiB qualification obtain a recognised externally benchmarked award, and are able to showcase skills and knowledge gained through a qualification which is tailored to meet employer requirements.

CECOS works with a network of employers and has staff who can provide advice to students on employment and further study options.



The level 3 Diploma in Business is open to all students aged over 19 years and this 18 week course includes clear and manageable assessment in accordance with the ATHE awarding body guidelines. The DiB is benchmarked to other qualification frameworks including the European Qualification Framework (EQF) to enable students to progress to work and further study outside the UK.





# CECOS COLLEGE COURSES

CECOS College has been offering courses in the UK since 1998. The mission of the College is to provide and promote opportunities for personal, professional and academic development for students from all backgrounds. Our programmes are market-orientated and structured to meet the demands of the future, helping our students to develop the knowledge and skills to build successful careers.

## Further Education Courses

### Functional Skills in English and Maths

- Level 2 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care
- Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Autism
- Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Behaviour that Challenges
- Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Children and Young People's Mental Health
- Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Domestic Abuse
- Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Nutrition and Health
- Level 2 Certificate in Understanding the Safe Handling of Medication in Health and Social Care
- Level 2 Certificate in Falls Prevention Awareness
- Level 2 Certificate in Mental Health Awareness
- Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Dementia Care
- Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Working with Individuals with Learning Disabilities
- Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Prevention and Control of Infection in Health Care Settings
- Level 2 Diploma in Health & Social Care
- Level 3 Diploma in Health & Social Care
- Level 3 Diploma in Business
- IT Professional Diploma

## HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMMES AT CECOS COLLEGE

### Business programmes

- Higher National Certificate and Diploma in Business (Level 4 & level 5)
- BA (Hons) Business Management and Sustainability – 4 years including Foundation Year
- BA (Hons) Business Management and Sustainability – 3 years
- BA (Hons) Top Up in Business Management (1 year programme)
- Masters in Business Administration (MBA) – Marketing Pathway

### Education and Training

- Diploma in Education and Training (Level 5)

### Health and Social Care

- BSc (Hons) Health and Social Care – 4 years including Foundation Year
  - BSc (Hons) Health and Social Care – 3 years.
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