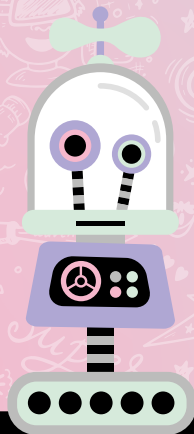
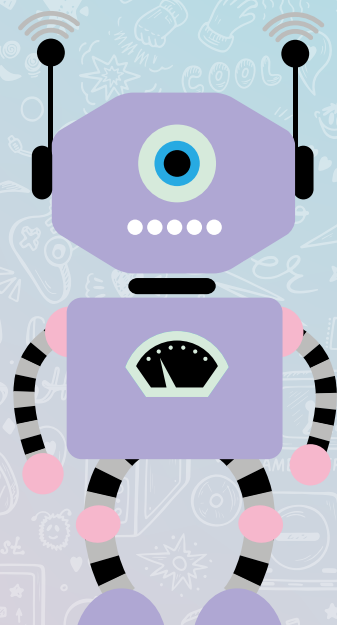


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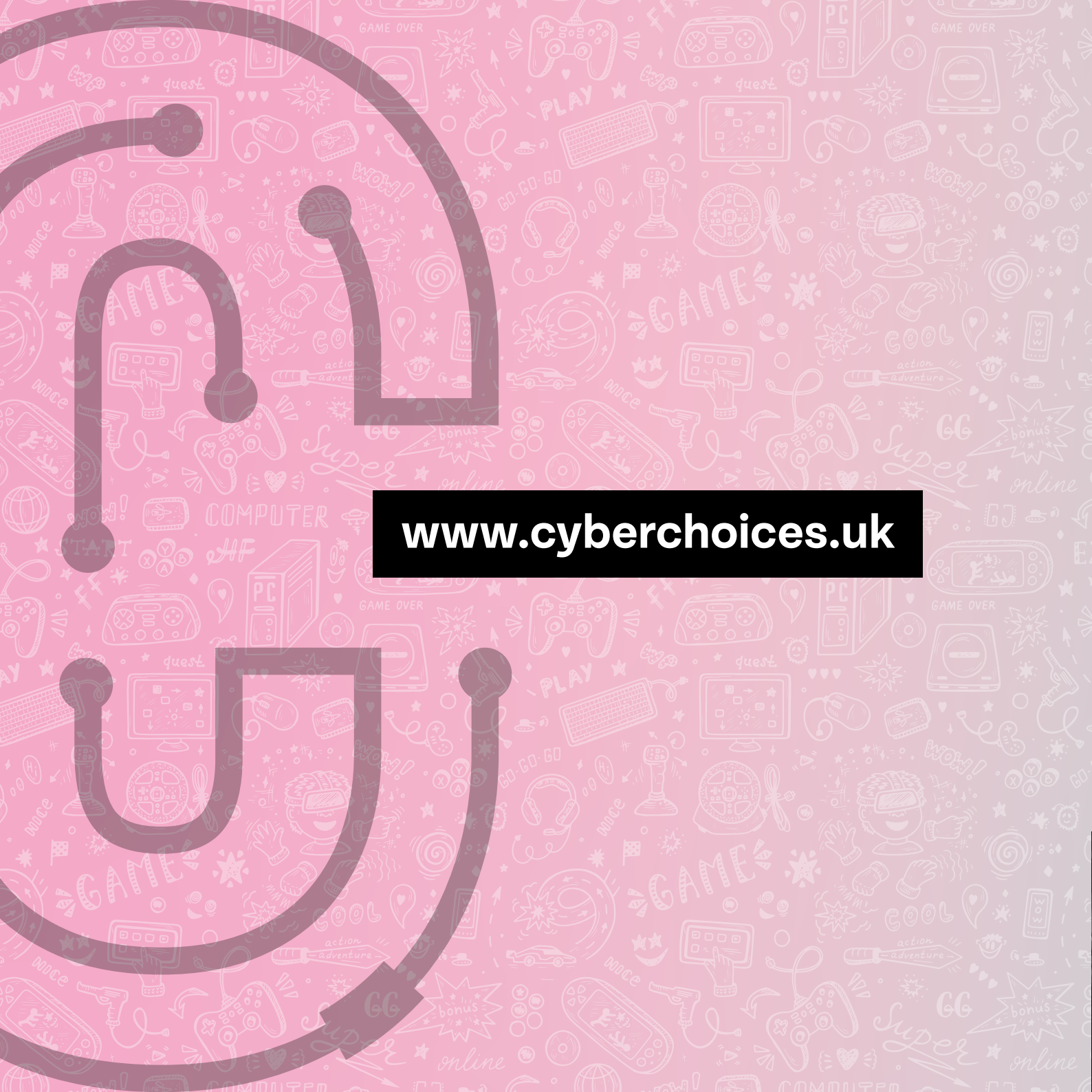
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Develop your cyber skills

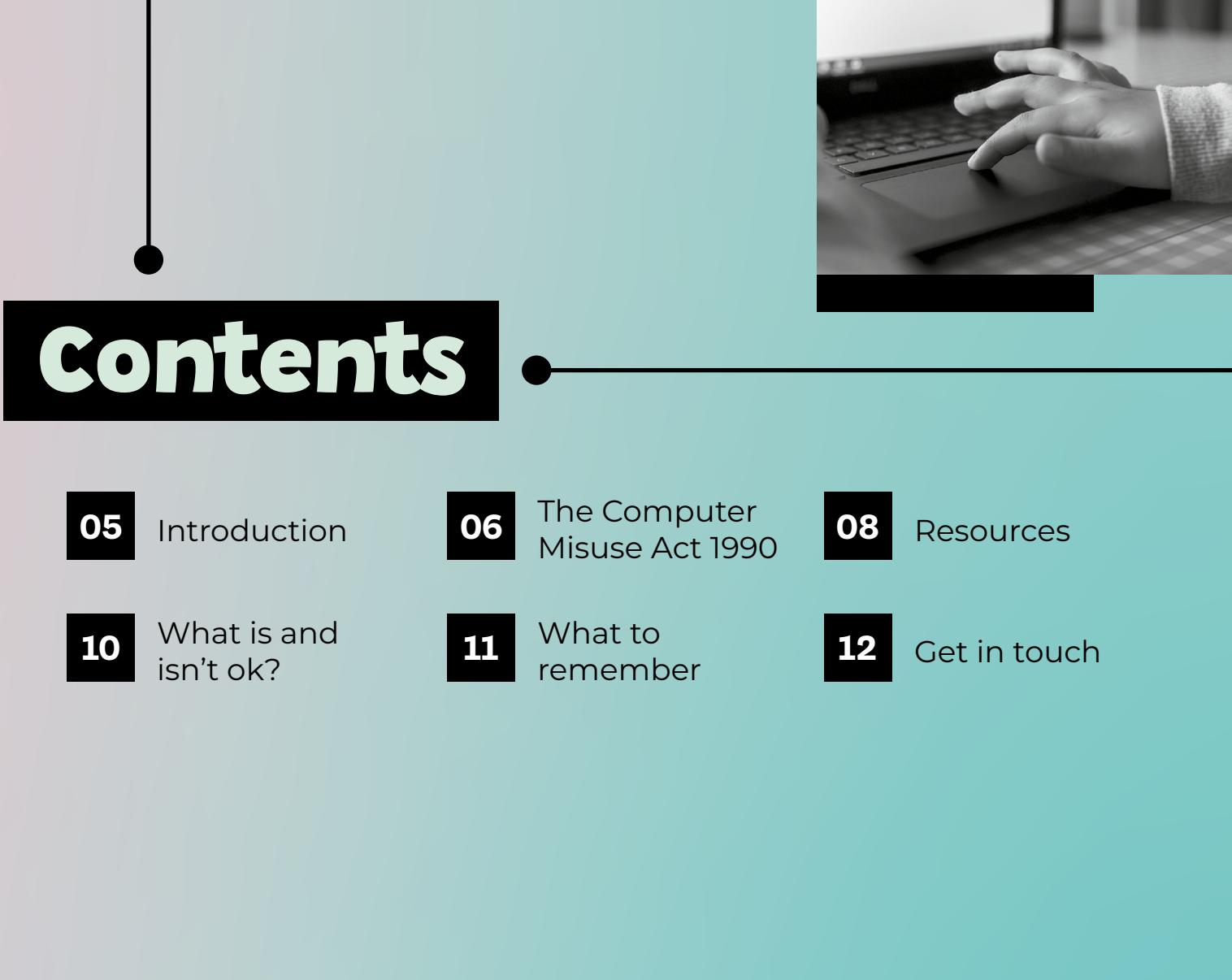


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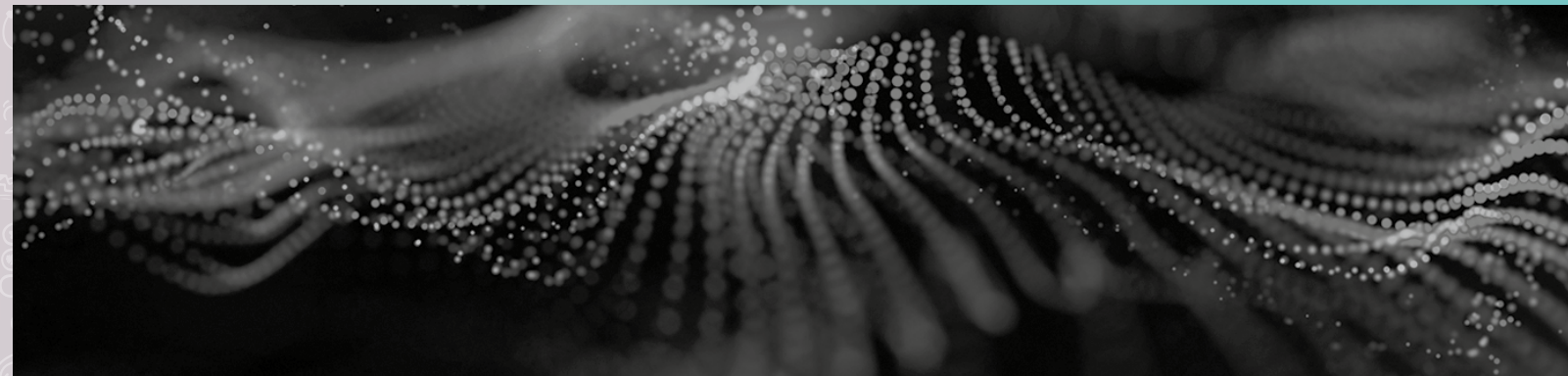
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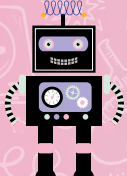
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Hi

**Thank you
for picking
up this pack**

It's been especially
designed for you to
understand what is ok to
do online and help you
find ways to develop your
awesome cyber skills.
Enjoy...



Introduction

Computers are everywhere. This includes phones, tablets, laptops, and personal computers of course, but also many other devices like game consoles, TVs and smart devices.

Lots of people are curious and want to explore how these things work and how they talk to each other. People can learn to code, try out tools they find online, or learn from others. They often ask for help in forums or watch videos of others showing them how things are done.

An interest in technology and coding is fantastic, these are great skills to have. Just like other things people learn to do, like driving a car or martial arts, these skills can be used badly and people end up harming others and risking getting into trouble with police. So we all need to know how to use them in a positive way.

This Cyber Choices booklet has information to help you learn how and where you can practise these skills in a good way. It also tells you what might happen if you break the law.

The Computer Misuse Act 1990

Section 1

Unauthorised access to computer material.

Section 2

Unauthorised access with intent to commit or facilitate commission of further offences.

Section 3

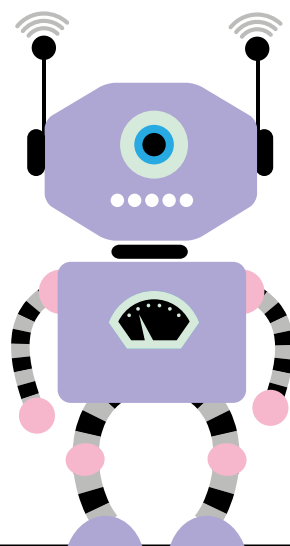
Unauthorised acts with intent to impair, or with recklessness as to impairing, operation of computer.

Section 3ZA

Unauthorised acts causing, or creating risk of, serious damage.

Section 3A

Making, supplying or obtaining articles for use in offence under section 1, 3 or 3ZA.



Breaking the law can affect your future.
Read more on page 11

For example



You watch your friend enter their username and password. You remember their login details and without their permission, later login and read all their messages.



Your friend leaves their tablet on the sofa. Without their permission, you access their gaming account and buy game credits with the attached credit card.



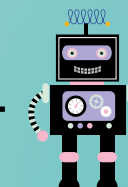
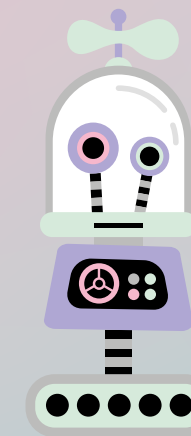
You're playing an online game but your friend scores higher than you. You use a 'Booter' knowing it will knock them offline and win the game.

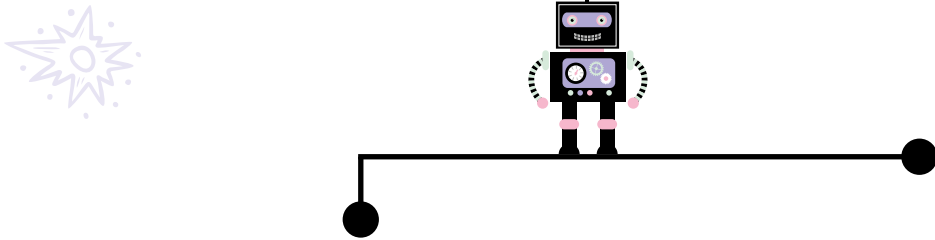


You hack a phone company. Your hack stops people from phoning the Police when they are in danger. You didn't mean for this to happen.



You download a tool so you can hack into your friend's laptop, but you have not even had a chance to use it yet.





Resources

If you have a curious mind and you like going online to code, play games or solve puzzles, there are loads of places that you can have fun and become a cyber wiz!

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Interested in learning to code? There are resources available on the Cyber Choices website. Your parent/guardian must give consent if you are under 13.

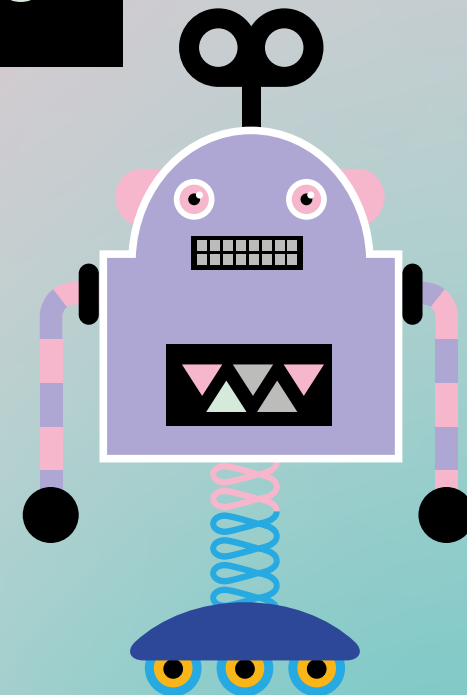
Also:

Free local coding clubs for young people around the world. Check it out – there is probably one near you.

A global network of free coding clubs for 9–13 year olds. Create games, animations and web pages using Scratch, Python or HTML/CSS.



Become a cyber wiz!



All the third party websites listed are publicly available for personal development. They are not necessarily endorsed, supported or monitored by the NCA or UK law enforcement. All links and web addresses were checked and verified to be correct at the time of publication.



What is and isn't ok?

Using the internet, coding and testing skills on legal websites is great. So is playing online games with friends.

Enjoy exploring websites like those on page 6 and finding your own too but, make sure you do not break the law when practicing.

To avoid doing something wrong there are four main things to remember:

- Don't access anyone else's computer, device, network or their accounts without their permission
- Don't do anything that stops someone else's computer, network or device working properly, without the owners permission
- Don't change the way a computer, device, network or website works without the owner's permission
- Don't download, make or supply anything for the purpose of committing cyber crime

Ask a trusted adult if you are unsure about what you or others are doing.

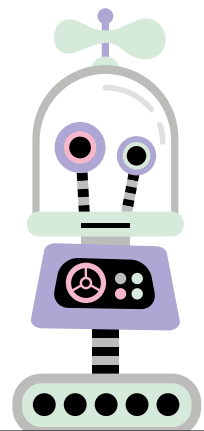
What to remember?

Consequences of breaking the Computer Misuse Act 1990 may include:

- Receiving a visit and warning from the police or NCA officers
- Being arrested
- Getting a criminal record
- Having devices seized
- Being banned or limited in your internet use
- Being expelled from school
- Not being able to get the job you want
- Not being able to travel to certain countries
- ... or all of the above!

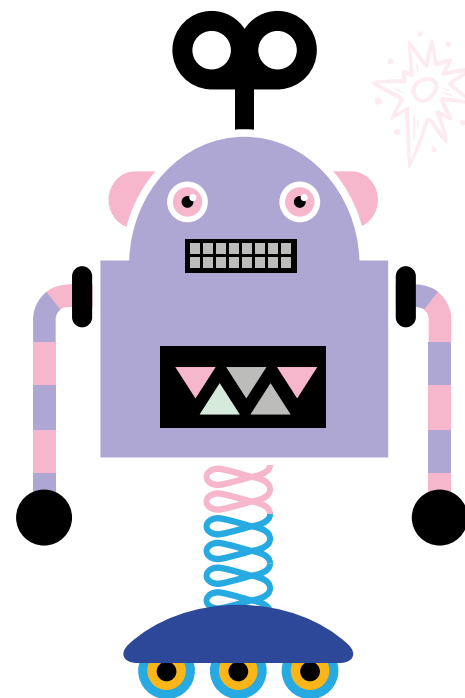
We hope you found this Cyber Choices information useful. Used correctly, skills in digital technology and computing can lead to an exciting and well-paid job in the future. Companies really want young people who are good at these things.

Get in touch

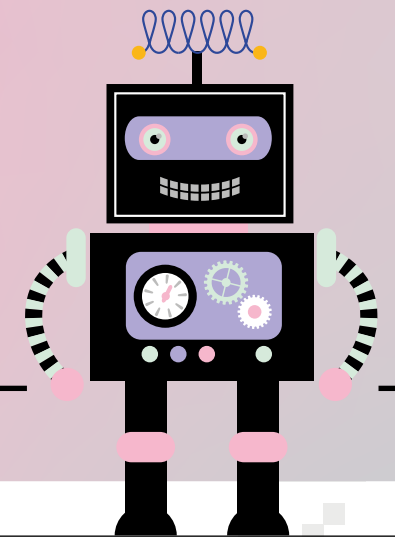


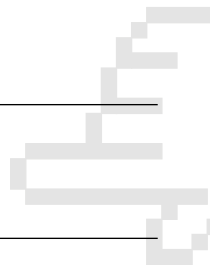
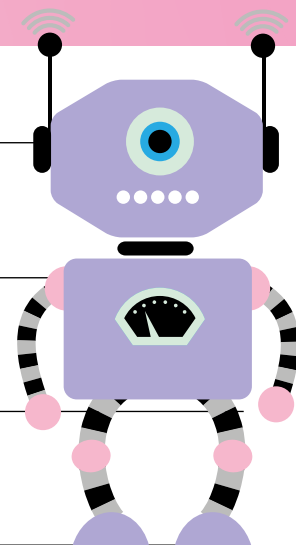
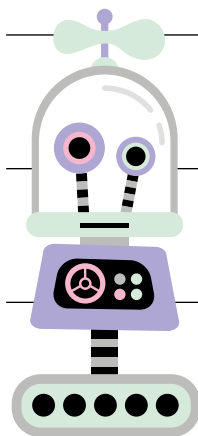
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If you would like any further resources, please visit us at www.cyberchoices.uk. You can also find our contact details on our website, if you want any advice.



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Helping you choose a positive and legal path