

# Welcome to the Rising Futures Programme!

Passmores Academy



Dear Parent/Carer,

Congratulations! Your child has been successful in securing a place on the Rising Futures programme.

We are working together with award-winning education charity, Yes Futures, supporting students to believe in themselves and discover their personal potential. We are really excited that your child has been selected to be part of this year's Rising Futures cohort at the school.

To secure your child's place on the programme, you must complete a consent form. You can complete the form using this link: <https://bit.ly/YFConsentSept2022>. Please do this by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

Please find some initial information about the programme below.

## What is the Rising Futures Programme?

Rising Futures is a year-long programme, starting in September 2022, empowering students to make ambitious choices and fulfil their potential. The innovative programme improves children's confidence, resilience and access to successful futures.

Throughout the programme, your child will have a series of personalised coaching sessions with a fully trained Yes Futures Coach. During these sessions, your child will be supported to identify their strengths and set ambitious personal development targets using the award-winning Talent Toolbox. All Yes Futures Coaches are thoroughly vetted and fully-trained. All Yes Futures Coaches and team members are DBS checked and trained in Child Protection.

Alongside the Coaching sessions, your child will be taken on three exciting trips, giving them opportunities to apply their learning and put their targets into practice:



### Personalised Coaching

Our fully trained Coaches support students to self-reflect and take responsibility for their development.



### Play Your Part

A community action project where students realise the benefits of social action and develop key communication and teamwork skills.



### World of Work

Raises students' aspirations for their future and improves their knowledge of working life through visiting a workplace, meeting professionals, and developing key employability skills.



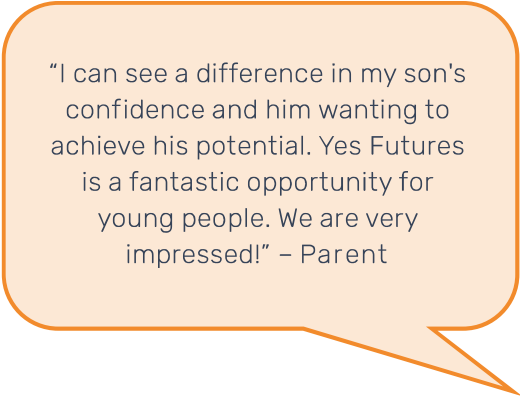
### Into the Wild

A three-day residential weekend challenges students to face their fears, build relationships with other students and become confident in their own abilities.

## Why has my child been chosen?

The school has carefully selected students who they recognise have the potential to succeed on the programme. Our aim is to develop students' confidence and self-esteem, as well as supporting them to articulate their strengths and develop their self-reflection skills.

Graduates from the Rising Futures programme are typically better at communicating, more engaged in class, aware of future career options and more prepared to tackle difficult challenges.



"I can see a difference in my son's confidence and him wanting to achieve his potential. Yes Futures is a fantastic opportunity for young people. We are very impressed!" – Parent

## Why does Yes Futures need my contact details?

Yes Futures takes full legal responsibility for the running of the programme, so needs to contact parents/carers directly to (a) obtain your consent for your child to be on the programme; (b) provide you with updates; (c) keep your child safe during their time on the programme. Yes Futures takes data protection extremely seriously; Yes Futures will only use your contact details to communicate with you about the programme and we will not share your contact details with any other party.

## Photo Consent

We regularly take photographs of the students' experiences, so you can see what they are up to! To see updates, please follow us on Twitter: [@YESFutures](#), Facebook: [Yes Futures](#) or Instagram: [@yes\\_futures](#).

Please note, if you do not give consent for your child to have photos or videos taken, we will not do so. You can still read about the journey of all students on our website: [www.yesfutures.org/our-news](http://www.yesfutures.org/our-news).

## How can I support my child throughout the Rising Futures programme?

After each coaching session, Yes Futures will send you an email with the themes covered and tips for continuing the coaching conversation at home. Simply asking your child what they talked about and what target they set themselves really helps their development.

## What next?

In September, your child will receive an invitation to a Welcome Session where they will have an introduction to the programme, meet their Rising Futures Programme Manager and the Coaching Team.

Your child's full attendance is critical to their success on the programme. You will receive in due course an email from the Rising Futures Programme Manager with the dates of the upcoming programme, please make a note of all the dates and prioritise your child's attendance.

Prior to each trip experience you will additionally receive an email providing you with the specific details and all information you need to know.

To secure your child's place on the Rising Futures programme please complete the Yes Futures Consent form using this link: <https://bit.ly/YFConsentSept2022> (If you are unable to click the link please type the link into your web browser).

Do let me know if you have any questions at all.

Kind Regards,

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