

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/YF_Consent_Sep23. Please do this by **Monday 25th September**.

The programme is being paid for by the school and Yes Futures, so is completely free of charge for you.

Please find some initial information about the programme below.

What is the Rising Futures Programme?

Rising Futures is a year-long programme, empowering students to make ambitious choices and fulfil their potential. The innovative programme has been delivered in over 70 schools, and makes a proven difference to young people'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 two exciting trips, giving them opportunities to apply their learning and put their targets into practice.

Here's some more information about each programme element:



Personalised Coaching

Our fully-trained Coaches provide personalised coaching to students, encouraging them to self-reflect, take responsibility for their development and discuss their future goals.



World of Work

This trip 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

This action-packed trip in the outdoors challenges students to face their fears, build relationships with other students by working in teams 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 provides 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; we 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.

How can I see what my child is doing on the programme?

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.

How can I support my child throughout the programme?

After each coaching session, your Rising Futures Programme Manager 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?

Your child will soon 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. In due course, you will receive an email from the Rising Futures Programme Manager with the dates of the upcoming programme. When you receive this, please make a note of all the dates and prioritise your child's attendance.

Prior to each trip experience, you will 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/YF_Consent_Sep23. (If you are unable to click the link please type the link into your web browser). Please do this by **Monday 25th September**.

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

Kind Regards,

Mr D Butler

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