



Welcome to the Rising Futures programme!

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.

We would like to invite you to your:

Rising Futures Parent and Carer Drop In Session

Friday 11th March 2022

3:30pm – 4:15pm

Please meet at the school reception

This is an opportunity to find out more about the Rising Futures programme and meet your Yes Futures Programme Manager. Students are not required to attend this induction (they will have their own session during the school day), but you are very welcome to bring them along.

In the meantime, please find some initial information about the programme below. We look forward to meeting you at your Rising Futures Drop In Session!

Kind Regards,

Mr Butler (Passmores Academy) and **Sharon Armfield** (Programme Manager, Yes Futures), 07535 738 292, sharon@yesfutures.org

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

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 improves children's confidence, resilience and access to successful futures. Throughout the programme, your child will be taken on three exciting trips:

Play Your Part

A community action project and charitable fundraising challenge, 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 an inspirational workplace, meeting professionals and participating in a skills-based workshop.



Into the Wild

A three-day residential 'camp' experience, alongside students from other schools. This challenging environment pushes students to face their fears, build relationships with other students and become confident in their own abilities.



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: <https://www.yesfutures.org/our-news>.

What other support does my child get?

Alongside the trip experiences described, your child will have a series of one-to-one 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. In addition, all Yes Futures Coaches and team members are DBS checked and trained in Child Protection.

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

Prior to all sessions, Yes Futures will send an email to you providing the details of the experiences and all information you need to know. Your child's full attendance is critical to their success on the programme. Once you have been given the dates of the upcoming programme, **please make a note of all the dates and prioritise your child's attendance.**

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.

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.