

## Let alumni help your students to succeed

Dear Headteacher,

We are reaching out to let you know that your alumni want to come back and offer support to your current students. Past pupils have registered with us and told us they want to help their old school or college.

Alumni can help by:

- Fundraising
- Bringing the curriculum to life
- Providing contact with employers
- Mentoring
- Sharing their experiences of work, training, higher or further education.

Evidence demonstrates that interactions with relatable role models can make a significant difference to motivation, confidence and resilience: students study harder and persist as they can see a future that could be theirs. Our mission is to ensure every state school is supported by a thriving alumni community, giving pupils access to the knowledge and connections they need. Alumni can support you to meet Gatsby Benchmarks by sharing their pathway into FE/HE/employment, and they can help deliver the PSHE curriculum by sharing experiences in relation to mental health and wellbeing.

More than half of disadvantaged students don't believe they will succeed but 81% of young people agreed that meeting former students showed them that 'people like me' can be successful. 99% of teachers told us they would recommend our workshops to teachers in other schools and 96% of alumni would recommend a Future First session to friends.

**'They showed me that even if you struggle at school you can still get somewhere if you try.' - Year 9 student**

Your time commitment will be minimum; our specialists will support staff across the school to get the network up and running. With a decade of experience, we are experts in our field and can share best practice from the 1200 schools we've empowered to build sustainable alumni networks. By signing up now, you will give your students the edge they need: a powerful network to help sustain them through these difficult times.

Our support for one year includes:

- A workshop to build the confidence of your most at need students
- Support from our expert staff and technology to get your network up and running
- Training for your staff
- Access to tried and tested resources.

This costs £2,250. If you want a network but lack the funds, please contact us. We may be able to get you onto our funded programmes, or raise the money to support your school through alumni fundraisers, our employer partners or donors. Don't let the funding stand in the way; talking to us costs nothing.

Visit [www.futurefirst.org.uk](http://www.futurefirst.org.uk), contact me [joy.upchurch@futurefirst.org.uk](mailto:joy.upchurch@futurefirst.org.uk) or call 0207 239 8933 to find out how your alumni can help show your current students a future that can be theirs.

Yours sincerely

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