



Launching Futures College Brochure



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Futures

Empowering every young person
to believe in **themselves**

Launching Futures

Supporting talent. Strengthening placements.
Enhancing futures.



Launching Futures equips Further Education students with the confidence, communication, and resilience they need to thrive in their studies, excel in placements, and take their next steps with self-belief.

Each student is paired with a professional coach from their chosen industry, giving them personalised 1:1 support to build confidence, communication, and resilience. Delivered fully remotely across the academic year, the programme fits flexibly around timetables and requires minimal input from college teams.

Students are encouraged to reflect on their strengths, take ownership of their progress, and set ambitious goals – all within a structure that's fully managed and measurable.

Grounded in Yes Futures' award-winning approach, Launching Futures develops the four essential Talents:



Confidence



Resilience



Communication



Self-awareness

These key talents have a proven impact on students' motivation and engagement in education, their wellbeing and aspirations.

92%

of students last year made a **quantifiable** improvement in **at least one** Talent area.



1:1 Coaching

Students are paired with a trained coach working in their chosen industry.

Through a series of one-to-one sessions, they explore their strengths, improve workplace readiness, and build confidence for success.



Group Workshops

Our engaging group sessions focus on communication, mindset and resilience – preparing students emotionally and practically for the challenges and opportunities of the workplace.



Join our network of partner schools

We've worked
with **70+**
education
partners

...where we've
supported over
3,650 young
people.



The Yes Futures programme has been a really positive opportunity for our students.

Students have made noticeable improvements in their confidence and self-esteem, and this has also impacted their performance in the classroom.

I would definitely recommend the programme to other educators."

Vic Goddard, Co-Principal, Passmores Academy

"I am beyond happy with the Yes Futures programme. The programme is a really positive part of the students' school life, and I have already noticed some changes in their self-confidence and motivation at school.

John Henry Newman School

"Working with Yes Futures has enabled me to see many of my students excel in a different environment and surpass my expectations outside of the classroom. I am now working with Yes Futures for the third year and continue to be thoroughly impressed by the impact of the programme on our students."

Hoe Valley School



Harry Paige,
Director of
Programmes

If you'd like to **find out more** about becoming part of our network of innovative, forward-thinking colleges, please get in touch, I'd love to hear from you!

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Frequently asked questions

What is the impact of the programme on FE students?

Further Education learners often face a steep transition into the world of work. Launching Futures helps bridge this gap by equipping students with the confidence, communication, and mindset they need to succeed in professional environments.

Through high-impact, personalised coaching from industry-aligned professionals, many students experience transformational change. They build self-belief, improve engagement, and develop a clear sense of their future goals.

The impact goes beyond anecdotes. Every college receives a detailed Impact Report, capturing both quantitative and qualitative progress across the cohort. This includes student benchmarking, coach feedback, and reflective learner insights – giving you clear evidence that your funding has made a difference.

Want to see the difference yourself?

Explore powerful student stories and case studies at yesfutures.org.

For 10 years, we've had a transformational impact on young people:

72%

of students felt more motivated to achieve in education.

88%

of students felt more prepared for the future.

76%

of students have increased their confidence.

84%

of students felt the programme made a positive difference.

Who is the programme designed to support?

Launching Futures is open to all learners across Further Education, regardless of level or subject area. Whether they are on vocational pathways, academic routes, or preparing for industry placements, the programme offers targeted, personalised support that helps every learner reach their full potential. It is particularly effective for students who may be:

- Withdrawn in group situations or hesitant to engage in class
- Struggling to make eye contact or express themselves confidently
- Likely to give up when things get difficult
- Under-achieving academically despite clear potential
- Avoiding lessons or reluctant to take the lead
- Lacking motivation or direction about their next steps
- Disruptive in low-level ways or defiant when challenged
- Nervous around new people or unsure how to identify their own strengths



Can the programme support different pathways?

Yes- we tailor every aspect of the programme to the course specialisms. For example, learners on Digital routes are paired with coaches with experience in the tech sectors, while Health students may engage with NHS or care providers. You can choose to run mixed groups or pathway-specific cohorts.

Will the Launching Futures programme take up lots of my time?

We understand how busy college staff are, which is why Launching Futures is designed to have minimal impact on your workload.

You'll have full support from a **dedicated Yes Futures Programme Manager** who will take care of all planning, delivery, safeguarding, communications, and evaluation.

There's no need for staff to attend coaching sessions – these are delivered remotely by our trained volunteer coaches. We handle scheduling, learner reminders, and follow-ups.

All we ask from your team is to:

- Confirm key dates
- Promote the opportunity to students
- Track attendance
- Ensure learners have access to a device and space to join Zoom sessions

That's it – we'll manage everything else.



The coaching sessions have been really helpful because they taught me about resilience and how to build my confidence. When I am facing challenges, I try to calm myself down and think rationally about them."

Student, The Nobel School



It has been a really great experience and I feel that many of the children have gained enormously from their participation in the programme.

Your staff have been amazing, so supportive and organising everything has been such a weight off my mind."

Mrs Cooke, Head of Pastoral Care,
Holme Grange School

Programme Structure

Launching Futures runs over four to six months and is designed to fit flexibly around your timetable. Students take part in six remote sessions, each consisting of:



6 x 1:1 Coaching Sessions

Students are paired with a trained coach working in their chosen industry. Through a series of 40 minute-long one-to-one sessions, they explore their strengths, improve workplace readiness, and build confidence for success utilising our award-winning Talent Toolbox .



Group Workshops

Each session begins with a 20-minute interactive group workshop, designed to build learners' confidence, communication, and mindset. These workshops not only equip students with practical tools for the workplace, but also create the reflective headspace needed for meaningful 1:1 coaching.

Sessions take place every 2–4 weeks during term time and are scheduled in partnership with your team to minimise disruption. Each session supports learners to reflect, build essential soft skills, and take ownership of their progress.

At the end of the programme, learners complete a final coaching session and attend a **Forward to the Future workshop**, designed to help them consolidate their growth and plan their next steps.

All learners also receive a **Self-Coaching Toolkit** at the end of the programme – a digital workbook full of reflective activities and prompts to help them continue their development independently.

What is the impact of the programme on my college?

Alongside the transformational impact on the students on the Launching Futures programme, there are also wider benefits for your college. You become part of our **network of innovative, forward-thinking education partners**, with access to exclusive opportunities and personal development resources.

You will receive a Yes Futures Partnership Certificate which you can display in college to showcase your commitment to your students' personal development. The programme enables **teachers to see their students in a new light** and build relationships with them outside of the classroom, ultimately leading to success back in the classroom.

How do you measure your impact?

We know that evidencing learner outcomes is essential – whether for Ofsted, your governors, employer partners, or your internal QA processes. That's why we've built a robust, evidence-based approach to tracking progress across the Launching Futures programme. We measure impact at three levels: individual learner development, cohort outcomes, and provider-wide impact.

The Talent Toolbox

Our award-winning Talent Toolbox provides a structured way to benchmark and monitor the development of soft skills over time – all mapped to personal development objectives. It tracks learner growth in:

- Confidence
- Communication
- Resilience
- Self-awareness

What you'll receive as a college partner:

- A bespoke Impact Report at the end of each cohort, summarising student progress and feedback
- Subgroup analysis by T Level route, SEND status, Pupil Premium, and other key groups
- Qualitative feedback from coaches, students, and employers
- Case studies to support Ofsted or marketing use
- Ongoing support from your Programme Manager to track engagement and outcomes



A rare and genuinely innovative approach to measurement."

Project Oracle
(Leading Youth Evidence)

How much does Launching Futures cost?

Thanks to continued generous support from our funding partners, we are able to offer our award-winning, impact-driven programme to colleges at a highly subsidised rate of approximately 70% of the total cost.

One Cohort (up to 24 students)

£2999

Less than

£125 per student

Running more than one cohort?

10% discount for 2 or more cohorts*

This includes:

- 6 x combined sessions (online group workshop + 1:1 coaching)
- A dedicated, industry-aligned professional coach for each learner
- Full delivery and coordination by the Yes Futures team
- A self-coaching toolkit for continued growth
- Comprehensive impact tracking and reporting for your college

Many school and colleges use enrichment, personal development, or employer engagement budgets to fund this offer.

* a 10% discount will be applied for 2+ cohorts within the same cycle or across two consecutive cycles. For example: two cohorts of 18 students would be priced at £25,920 – a saving of £2,880.

We like the sound of Launching Futures – how do we get involved?

We are able to begin sessions whenever suits you! If you'd like to put forward some of your students for the Launching Futures programme, please contact Harry, our Director of Programmes, using the details below.

Signing up for the programme is very straightforward.

To secure your places, you just need to sign a School Agreement which explains exactly what you can expect from the programme. Harry will provide you with this once you've confirmed that you'd like to go ahead. Once we have received your School Agreement, we will start your onboarding process.

How does the programme get started?

We provide you with a **template letter to send home to parents and carers** which gives some information about Yes Futures and why the student has been selected for the programme. Your first in-college session will be a **Welcome Session**, where we introduce the programme to students, explain to them what to expect and get them excited about what's to come! We want students to feel really proud that they have been selected for the programme, and recognise that it's an exciting opportunity. We really value your presence at these initial sessions to make clear the partnership between your college and Yes Futures.

What if I have more questions?

We fully appreciate that selecting a partner to deliver a programme for your students is an important decision. We're very happy to come and visit your college, or to arrange an online meeting. If you'd like to talk through the programme and how it might work for your students in more detail, please get in touch:



Without Yes Futures, I would not be as open-minded or as confident as I am today. Yes Futures has taught me to overcome my fears and take advantage of opportunities I come across in life."

Yushekia, Yes Futures Ambassador



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