

Evaluation of the Speakers for Schools IntoTech Programme Parent/Carer Information and Consent Form

Dear Parent / Guardian,

We are writing to let you know that your child's school is participating in the Evaluation of the Futures for All IntoTech programme from September 2025 – July 2028.

Who is conducting the study?

The IntoTech programme is being delivered by Futures for All (formerly known as Speakers for Schools), jointly funded by Futures for All and the Hg Foundation and evaluated by the National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER), in partnership with ImpactEd Evaluation. Futures for All is responsible for the delivery of the IntoTech activities in your child's school.

What is the IntoTech Programme?

Futures for All is a social mobility charity in the UK, partnering with educators, speakers and employers from across the UK, to help young people reach their potential by providing work experience placements and inspirational talks. Their IntoTech Programme provides all Year 8 pupils with access to tech-focused inspirational talks. Selected pupils then access tech-focused employer insight days when they are in Year 9, followed by tech-focused work experience for selected pupils when they are in Year 10. Inspirational talks, which last approximately one hour, are delivered in person in the school. Insight days (c.3 hours) and work experience (3 days) are facilitated either in person on the employer's premises or virtually. Pupils involved in Year 9 and Year 10 will also access online mentoring sessions provided by Brightside.

How will the programme be evaluated?

The research trial will evaluate the impact of receiving the IntoTech programme on pupils' attitudes, perceived barriers, knowledge and behaviours related to tech. In order to do this, participating schools will be randomly assigned to one of two groups: the intervention group (receives the IntoTech programme), or the control group (continues with usual practice/alternative Futures for All activities).

What are the evaluation activities for my child?

The evaluation will include the following key activities for all participating pupils, who will be in Year 8 in the 2025/2026 academic year:

- An online survey at the beginning of the project in the autumn 2025, and at the end of the project in the summer 2028, exploring their attitudes, knowledge and behaviours relating to the tech industry.

For Year 8 pupils in intervention schools, the evaluation will also include:

- the collection of monitoring data on pupil participation in the SfS IntoTech activities
- short online surveys before and after programme activities each year.

Selected Year 9 and 10 students will also access online mentoring through the Brightside online mentoring platform.

In the last year of the programme, when pupils are in Year 10, they may be asked to participate in a face-to-face focus group at the school with an NFER researcher, to explore their views on the activities. This will be optional for the school and pupils. If your child is selected for this, you will be asked for your consent.

What are the benefits of my child taking part?

By participating in the evaluation, your child will be helping to improve our understanding of the impact of the IntoTech Programme on pupils' attitudes and behaviours related to learning and careers in tech. This will inform the development of the programme to maximise its impact.

Data protection and privacy

Some basic data about your child will be collected from your child's school to support programme delivery e.g., name, gender, date of birth, unique pupil number, whether they are eligible for free school meals (FSM) and Pupil Premium (PP), and this data will be shared with NFER for evaluation purposes.

For Year 8 pupils in intervention schools, some further detail about your child will be collected which includes whether they have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), have English as an Additional Language, and/or are a looked after child in the care of the local authority (LAC). **All data for each child will be kept strictly confidential and only used for delivering and evaluating the programme.** All parties comply with GDPR requirements and have robust GDPR procedures in place.

Further information about this evaluation can be found on the project web page [here](#). The web page includes links to the project privacy notices, including one for pupils and their parents/carers. The privacy notice for pupils/parents/carers summarises what personal data will be collected on your son or daughter, and how this data will be collected, used, shared and protected. **No pupil, school or teacher will be named in any report arising from this work.** We are considering archiving data from the evaluation into a trusted national archive so it can be used to support other educational research. Once a decision is made privacy notices will be updated (if required) and published on the project web page.

What do I need to do?

If you are happy for your child's data to be used for this research, **please complete and return the consent form below to your child's school.** Without this form, your child's data will not be collected or used in the evaluation.

Although we value their participation in this evaluation and its contribution to important findings, **you may withdraw your child from data collection activities at any time.** If you withdraw your child from the project, we will use any data we have collected up to that point in our analysis unless you ask us to delete it. Please note that data deletion will not be possible once data analysis has commenced (from August 2028).

Not providing consent, or later withdrawing from the evaluation, will not impact your child's involvement in Futures for All activities, only their inclusion in the evaluation.

If you have any queries, please contact us via email at: futuresforall@nfer.ac.uk.

Yours sincerely,

NFER, Futures for All, Brightside and ImpactEd Evaluation

Evaluation of the Futures for All IntoTech Programme: Parental consent for data processing

Please complete and return this form if you wish to give consent for your child's data to be shared, stored and used for this evaluation. Without this form, your child's data will not be collected or used in the evaluation

I give permission for data about my child that is collected as part of the delivery or evaluation to be stored or used for research purposes.

Your child's name.....

Name of school.....

Your full name.....

Your signature..... Date.....