

## Our impact

Future First works closely with schools to test the impact of alumni engagement and to ensure we're providing what schools need. We collect data as well as feedback from students, school staff, alumni and employers.

In March 2016, Future First commissioned the National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) to conduct polling with teachers from non-member schools about alumni networks. 26% had some sort of network in place and 7% were planning on setting one up within 12 months.

This presents an encouraging picture, as we aim to see every state school and college supported by an alumni network. By demonstrating the impact engaged alumni communities have, we hope to spread the alumni culture even more widely, sparking a movement.

I can stand up and give similar advice but it's so powerful coming from voices of experience, especially ex-students who've sat in the same seats and been here themselves; I can already see how much the students have taken away from it."

**Paula Sone** Greenshaw High School

## Students

**83,742**

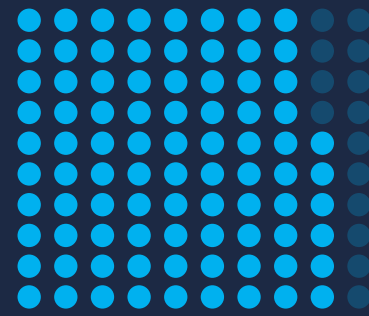
students have been reached by alumni in all sorts of ways, including special events, mentoring, one-to-one support and in-curriculum activities.

Engaging with former students helped **81%** of current students to realise the link between their school work and future job options.

**70%**

of students told us they knew more about the jobs and courses they could do in the future because of meeting alumni.

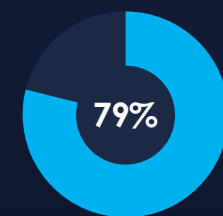
Interacting with alumni made **82%** of students want to work harder.



Meeting former students helped **84%** of pupils realise that 'people like me' can be successful.

**75%**

of young people said that sessions with alumni will help them make better, more informed decisions.



After hearing from alumni, **79%** of students said they felt more confident about their future success.

## School Staff

**100%**

of school staff said hearing from people in jobs raised students' motivation levels about their school work.

**94%**

of teachers agreed that meeting alumni improved students' knowledge of career and education pathways.

**91%**

of teachers believed working with alumni boosted students' confidence.

**88%**

After hearing from alumni, 88% of teachers said students were better able to interact with adults from the working world.

**85%**

of teachers said that even without Future First they would still build an alumni community because the support of students is so valuable.

**68%**

of school staff felt that students' academic performance had improved because of engaging with alumni.

## Alumni

**98%** of alumni really enjoyed working with their old schools and

**99%** would be happy to take part in more alumni events.

The alumni volunteers who have been giving back to their old schools believe that hearing from former students when they were at school would have made a difference to them:

**70%**

said it would have had an impact on their educational choices

**64%**

believe it would have made a difference to their career progression

**70%**

think it would have impacted on their career satisfaction