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Future First is a charity that helps schools and colleges stay in touch with their students after they leave. This group of former students is often known as an 'alumni network'. The idea is that the school, the former students and the young people who are still there could all benefit from staying connected.

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Why might I want to stay in touch with my old school or college?

- It will allow you to keep up to date with news from the school. This requires no action from you- it simply means you will receive updates every now and then that keep you in the loop as to what is going on.
- Even after you've left, school can provide opportunities to learn new skills and maybe get the job you want. If you stay in touch perhaps you can coach the sports teams, help set up community events or even hear about career opportunities?
- In a few years' time it would be great if you came back to talk to the current students about all the amazing things you've done since leaving schools. It will help them see what's possible and how they can achieve it too

Why would my school want to stay in touch?

- Your school/college might know which university you planned to go to, or which industry you hoped to work in, but apart from that it's unlikely they know what you've been up to. It's useful for schools to know what you're doing so they can make sure they support current students to do the same, if they wish.



Check out our animation, it explains in just 90 seconds why you should sign up to **Future First**. Click here [Future First Animation](#)



## So how do I sign up?

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Signing up is easy and will take no more than 2 minutes:

**Step 1:** Your teacher will send you a link to your school's Future First page (you can also access this link at [www.networks.futurefirst.org.uk](http://www.networks.futurefirst.org.uk)) or give you a paper sign up form.

**Step 2:** All you need to do is fill in your name, date of birth, personal email and mobile phone number.

**Step 3:** Check and agree to the [data protection policy](#).

**Step 4:** If you want to, you can sign up to Future First with Facebook. It doesn't let us view your profile or your photos, it's just another way of keeping in touch.

## What to expect after signing up?

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Once you've signed up, your contact details will be added to your school's database (see our [Privacy policy](#) for more information).

We will work with your school to send you no more than eight short messages a year. These messages will be either text messages or email, and will contain news about what's going on at your old school and perhaps an invitation for you to attend an event, or support the school.

We'll also ask you to let your school know what you've been up to since leaving. Your school is keen to hear about the things you get up to after leaving as this is a great way to inspire younger students and to invite you back for events you might find interesting and useful.



### How to edit your details

If any of your personal details change, or we have them saved incorrectly, simply let us know on [networks@futurefirst.org.uk](mailto:networks@futurefirst.org.uk) and we'll ensure that the information is

