



FAMILY FUTURES

20 JANUARY – 16 MARCH 2024



An extracurricular programme for Year 9 students and their supporters



WHAT IS FAMILY FUTURES?

Family Futures is a 3-month extracurricular programme for Year 9 students and their parents / carers, from the University of Surrey's Widening Participation & Outreach (WPO) Team.

Through weekly live webinars, exclusive access to our Online Resource Portal and three special on-campus events, families will:

1) discover the range of available pathways;
2) develop their research and reflective skills;
3) gain the confidence to pursue aspirations.

This programme is fully funded (subject to selection criteria), with all resources provided <u>free of charge</u>.











WHEN IS IT?

Saturday 20 January Tuesday 23 January Wednesday 31 January Tuesday 6 February Saturday 14 February Saturday 17 February Wednesday 28 February Tuesday 5 March Wednesday 6 March Tuesday 12 March Saturday 16 March

Webinar: Activity Session Webinar: Information Session Webinar: Information Session Webinar: Information Session Campus: Midway Event Webinar: Activity Session Webinar: Information Session Webinar: Information Session Webinar: Activity Session Webinar: Information Session Webinar: Information Session Campus: Celebration Event

Campus: Launch Event

"I loved having the opportunity to discuss my education and future." YEAR 9 STUDENT

"It has made me talk to my child about how he thinks of himself and to help him believe in himself." SUPPORTER

"It helped me decide what I wanted to do a little more." YEAR 9 STUDENT

> At the end of the programme, 100% of students agreed / strongly agreed that they understand the educational pathways open to them in the future

WHO IS IT FOR?

Students are eligible if they meet one (or more) of the following criteria:

- You live in an area of higher deprivation as measured by postcode (IMD Deciles 1 or 2*).
- You live in an area of low progression into higher education (POLAR4 Q1*).
- You have received Free School Meals within the last 6 years.
- You have a diagnosed disability or long-term health condition.
- You are a young carer (you care for a friend or family member who, due to illness, disability, a mental health problem, or an addiction, cannot cope without your support).
- You are care experienced (you have spent time in local authority care, in a residential children's home, have been looked after at home by a supervision order or have lived with relatives under kinship care).
- You are a forced migrant (a refugee or an asylum-seeking young person).
- You are from a Gypsy, Roma, Traveller, Showperson or Boater community.

*Indices of Multiple Deprivation are commonly used datasets within the UK to classify the relative deprivation within smaller areas. You can find an IMD look-up tool on our website. To be eligible, you must live in an IMD Decile 1 or 2 postcode.

**POLAR4 classifies the progression rate of young people in higher education within local areas across the UK. You can find a POLAR4 look up tool on our website. To be eligible, you must live in a POLAR4 Quintile 1 postcode.







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Information for teachers

Dear colleague,

The University of Surrey invites your Year 9 students to take part in **Family Futures**, our 3-month extracurricular programme for families as part of our award-winning Surrey Scholars outreach initiative. This opportunity aims to encourage students and their supporters to work *together* to explore the wide range of available pathways, developing the skills required to identify shared aspirations and gain the confidence to pursue their goals.

Family Futures takes place outside of school time, offering families flexibility to engage in the programme in a way that suits them. Students and supporters will enhance their research, reflective and collaborative skills through access to an exciting range of FREE resources, including an Activity Workbook and Home Packs, Live Webinars, exclusive access to our Online Resource Portal, and invitations to three special On-Campus Events.

Starting on Saturday 20 January 2024, key dates and times for the programme are as follows:

Date	Time	What	Where
Saturday 20 January	10:00-13:00	Launch Event	University of Surrey
Tuesday 23 January	18:15-18:45	Part 1 Session Exploring Pathways and Options	Online
Wednesday 31 January	18:15-18:45	Info Session Post-16 Pathways and University	Online
Tuesday 6 February	18:15-18:45	Part 2 Session Thinking About the Future	Online
Wednesday 14 February	18:15-18:45	Info Session Introduction to Apprenticeships	Online
Saturday 17 February	10:00-13:00	Midway Event	University of Surrey
Tuesday 20 February	18:15-18:45	Part 3 Session Trying Something New	Online
Wednesday 28 February	18:15-18:45	Info Session Managing Your Money	Online
Tuesday 5 March	18:15-18:45	Part 4 Session Being Your Own Ambassador	Online
Wednesday 6 March	18:15-18:45	Info Session Wellbeing and Mindfulness	Online
Tuesday 12 March	18:15-18:45	Part 5 Session Reflecting Together	Online
Wednesday 13 March	18:15-18:45	Info Session Taking the Next Steps	Online
Saturday 16 March	10:00-13:00	Celebration Event	University of Surrey

Login details for online content are exclusive to participants on the programme whilst free transport is available upon request for campus visits. Due to the funding of this opportunity, a strict **selection criteria** does apply with students eligible if they meet one (or more) of the following:

- They live in an IMD Decile 1 or 2 postcode*
- They live in a POLAR4 Quintile 1 postcode**
- They have received Free School Meals within the last 6 years
- They have a diagnosed disability or long-term health condition
- They are a young carer
- They have experience of living within care
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To nominate students for **Family Futures**, please forward our **programme flyer** and **parent/carer letter** to eligible learners. Once a student has applied, we will contact them directly to confirm their registration onto the programme. Participants will also be offer the chance to receive free transport to and from the University of Surrey.

This opportunity is funded courtesy of the Widening Participation & Outreach Team at the University of Surrey. To learn more about our work, please visit: <u>outreach.surrey.ac.uk</u>. Should you have any initial questions or queries, please contact our team at: <u>wp@surrey.ac.uk</u>.

Kind regards,

Rob Thatcher Widening Participation & Outreach Manager (Surrey Stars & Scholars) University of Surrey





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Information for students and parents/carers

Dear parent/carer,

You and your child have been nominated by their school to participate on a **FREE** extracurricular programme with the University of Surrey as part of our award-winning Surrey Scholars outreach initiative.

Year 9 Family Futures supports students and their parents/carers in working *together* to explore a wide range of future educational and career pathways. On this 3-month programme, families will have access to an exciting range of FREE resources, including a shared Activity Workbook and Home Packs, Live Webinars, exclusive access to our Online Resource Portal, and invitations to three special On-Campus Events.

Taking place outside of school time, **Family Futures** gives families the flexibility to engage in the programme in a way that suits you. The programme is mainly delivered virtually – live sessions are interactive, while all other online content will be available for access 24:7. Key dates and times for the programme are as follows:

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Login details for online content are exclusive to participants on the programme. To express your interest in the programme, please **scan the QR code** above or on the programme flyer, or contact: <u>wp@surrey.ac.uk</u>.

Transport bursaries and support is available to participants upon request as we do not wish for this to be a barrier to participation. Once your place has been confirmed, you will be invited to register for transport to and from the University of Surrey. Where possible, we do group transport requests with pick-up/drop-off to be arranged from outside your school.

Please note that your place on the programme is only confirmed upon receipt of your application and that receiving this letter does not guarantee your participation.

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