

# Case Study

## Independent and State School Partnerships

### Background to ISSP:

The Independent / State School Partnerships (ISSP) programme was set up by the Department for Education and Skills in 1998 to provide a structure for partnerships between the independent and state school sectors.

Supporting this, between 2005 and 2011 Future Foundations (FF) has successfully delivered over 15 multi-day ISSP programmes, working in partnerships with Colchester County High School for Girls and the following Independent Schools: Westminster School, Wellington College, Highgate School, Norwich School, Bradfield College, Eltham College and Eton College.

In 2011 Future Foundations has delivered the programmes with Highgate School, Westminster School, Wellington College and Colchester County High School for Girls for Gifted and Talented students from local state schools and academies.

### Presenting a bright future...



A Year 11 Student practising their presentation skills at the Colchester Summer School, hosted by the University of Cambridge.

***“Our son was truly inspired by each and every aspect of the Summer School and gave us a blow by blow account each evening.***

***What more can we say but to thank you again for your time and commitment and for giving Harry a new outlook on life.”***

**Ruth and Ken Pike, parents of Harry Pike (Westminster Summer School participant) in a letter to FF.**



## Westminster Year 11 Summer School

As part of its responsibility to the Community, Westminster School in partnership with Future Foundations (FF) hosts an annual summer school for aspiring year 11 students from state schools located in Central London.

With the overall aim to address the issue of under representation of students from non-privileged backgrounds at the UK's leading Universities, the summer school prepares students to make the most out of years 12 and 13 and for applying to University. It does this by increasing students' awareness of the benefits of Higher Education at leading universities; building students' academic knowledge; and enhancing students' confidence and ability to make a positive impact in their application and at interview.

The programme is delivered by a shared expertise of Westminster School staff and Future Foundations' Trainers and Undergraduate Mentors, and is supported by the Shine Trust, Westminster City Council, Aspire, Kensington and Chelsea and Lambeth Council.

## Chrysalis Year 10 and 12 Summer School

The Chrysalis Partnership of 18 schools from across north London was developed to address the lack of enough genuine subject-specific extension work for the brightest students, nor support and shared expertise in applications to selective universities.

The highlight of the Chrysalis Partnership is a Summer School hosted by Highgate School for Year 10 and 12 students. It is delivered by a shared expertise of Highgate School staff and Future Foundations' Trainers and Undergraduate Mentors.

The programme nurtures the students' potential academically, professionally and personally. It includes subject-specific tutorials and a series of FF workshops ranging from self-leadership to presentation skills. There is also a series of UCAS seminars covering the whole university admissions process; from choosing institutions and courses to an individual 'mock' interview and one on one consultation to explore next steps following the Summer School.



In this photo students are taking part in an Opening Plenary icebreaker at the Westminster Summer School.

## Westminster Summer School Student Profile

**Name:** Sahyma Shaid-Hussain **Age:** 17  
**School:** St Saviour's & St Olave's School

### Did you enjoy the Westminster Summer School?

*"Yes I loved it, it was amazing, one of the best weeks of my life. It made me stop and think about my future more in depth. It made me more determined to carry on with education and go to university and be something in life that I will enjoy and receive benefit from".*

### What was the best bit about the summer school?

*"The best bit for me was the personal talks and experiences the FF Team shared with us - especially Claire's speech, she inspired me and she made me realize how much more I could with my life and that I should try new things even if they seem challenging. Embrace every opportunity that I get. I also enjoyed the lessons provided by the Westminster teachers."*

