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Re: Future Foundations working with ISSP led by Colchester County High School for Girls

ISSP is a national government initiative designed to improve the communication and collaboration between schools in the private and state sectors.



This Colchester ISSP project is particularly unusual in that it is led by a state grammar school and the associated private school is one of the partners. There are seven secondary schools in the partnership, all within Colchester, and the focus is on female students from Year 10 to Year 13 who show signs of significant academic talent or the potential and drive to succeed in any chosen sphere.



This ISSP project is now in its third year and has benefited enormously from its links with Future Foundations. The absolute highlight of the ISSP calendar is the residential Summer School which takes place in July. This is attended by 50 to 60 Year 11 students from all seven schools and involves working with Future Foundations at both Essex and Cambridge University.



Summer School enables the girls to get a thorough insight into every aspect of university life - giving them personal experience of the accommodation, academic tutorials, life in a university town, and social and academic interaction with like-minded individuals.

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More than this, however, the dynamic and inspirational involvement of the Future Foundations team means that the students begin to develop absolutely essential confidence, investigational and presentational skills which help them to make efficient and progressive use of their innate abilities.



The feedback from both Summer School and the recent Leadership Day Future Foundations ran for the new Lower Sixth intake indicates that the ISSP students were very impressed by the sheer energy, enthusiasm, professionalism and personal commitment every member of the team demonstrated throughout the courses. This is a view echoed by school staff who accompanied the students and who felt that Future Foundations provided everything and more that was stated on their initial planning programme.

All ISSP students have clearly enjoyed and benefited from the courses and activities provided by Future Foundations and their general self-confidence, aspirations, sense of adventure and presentational skills are much improved.

The ISSP team and students are very much looking forward to the next Summer School and any other ventures we may well be booking with Future Foundations.

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