F.A.O Head teachers, Heads of KS3 and IT Coordinators,

I am writing on behalf of Amazon Web Services (AWS), the technology and cloud computing part of the Amazon group. We are passionate about filling the digital skills gap in the UK and improving communication and education around diversity within the technology industry.

We are incredibly excited to announce the launch of AWS **Get IT**, a free programme for schools (mixed and girls schools) designed to inspire young people, in particular girls, to get into IT and gain digital skills.

We would like to invite your school to take part in this unique opportunity for your year 8 students to connect with inspiring female leaders in the IT industry, explore a career in technology and gain valuable employability skills.

What is AWS Get IT?

The programme will run between Autumn and Spring terms next academic year, launching in September 2018 with an inspiring assembly presentation given to your year 8 students. Following the presentation your students will be challenged to enter an inter-school app-building competition focused on solving real world issues, this could be something directly related to the school.

Participating teams of students will then be invited to attend the AWS **Get IT** Bootcamp at the Amazon Web Services offices in London and submit their idea for an app as part of our competition. Students will be supported in their project by our facilitators, and selected teams will be invited to present them at the AWS Summit in London in May 2019, and be judged by a panel of AWS experts. **AWS will commit to building the winning app**.

Who is eligible?

We want as many of your students to get involved as possible, not just those who may already have an affinity to technology. While this programme is aimed at girls, we welcome boys as well as we are keen for everyone to be aware of the opportunities in the technology industry, and to challenge the gender stereotype within the industry. All teams must have a gender balance of at least 50 % girls to qualify.

Future Foundations are leaders in providing personal, leadership and academic development for young people and we are working in partnership with them to deliver AWS **Get IT**. If you have any questions about the programme please contact Lucy Moses, our Senior Project Manager, who will be your main contact for this programme (lucy.moses@future-foundations.co.uk).

Together we can fill the digital skills gap and help your students to explore if a career in technology is right for them.

Yours faithfully,

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