

## Student evaluation survey 2023-24

Hi Team Lead!

As part of our core season requirements, we ask for your students to complete a survey to evaluate the *FIRST* Tech Challenge UK programme.

### Why are we doing this?

This survey is a pilot evaluation that will **demonstrate our charity's pathway to impact and overall student transformation**, while helping us to **learn and improve** from every young person's experience this season. The pilot evaluation will help to inform how we develop our annual evaluation and a future longitudinal study.

### Why is it important?

Evaluation is a critical part of our programme and without these insights we'd be unable to validate and evidence the charity's impact to educators like yourself, our network and future funders who will help us to broaden participation and drive inclusion in STEM. The insight we gather helps us to better target our provision and future funding.

### What will it include?

The survey will explore why students took part, how the programme has impacted their perception of STEM subjects and careers, which skills they have developed and important demographic information.

### How will student data be used?

Legally, we are required to provide you with details about who will control the data and how it will be used and stored. *FIRST* UK (who runs *FIRST* Tech Challenge UK) will be the data controller for the evaluation and data processors. Your privacy is important to us and we are fully committed to upholding the principles of the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation. Under data protection law, we require a "lawful basis" for the data processing that we carry out. *FIRST* UK will be using the lawful basis known as "legitimate interests", as we have a legitimate interest in evaluating and promoting the educational development and well-being of students taking part in *FIRST* Tech Challenge UK.

Data collected will only be used for the purpose of this evaluation, and where explicitly outlined, used as attributed or anonymised quotes with your prior permission. Data will be collected using an online survey platform which conforms to GDPR regulations. If necessary, *FIRST* UK will anonymise the data and securely transfer the data set if needed solely for analysis purposes with a contracted organisation. The data will be aggregated, analysed and included in an evaluation report sent to our funders, prospective funders and trustees. This report will *not* include the names of students, the name of your school or any other personally identifiable information. Data will be stored on a secure, encrypted server and data will be deleted five years after the completion of the report.

You can read more about how we handle data in our [privacy policy](#).

## What do you need to do?

If for any reason you're not happy for your students to complete the evaluation survey, please contact Patrice John-Baptiste via [teams@firstuk.org](mailto:teams@firstuk.org) or speak with her directly at this event to let us know and your reasons for doing so. If your students will be taking part, you may want to inform the students' parents. Students can also opt-out of the survey on the day and will be informed about how they can withdraw their data from the analysis, if requested within 2 weeks of the data being collected.

If you have any questions or concerns about the evaluation, please contact Patrice John-Baptiste at *FIRST* UK ([teams@firstuk.org](mailto:teams@firstuk.org)), who is leading the research and can provide more information.

Kind Regards,

*FIRST* UK HQ Team

