

Future Prize is an opportunity for Middle School students to design solutions to a real-world challenge and pitch their solutions in a fun and friendly competition with other Middle School students.

**How might we empower students to solve the world's big problems?**

In our rapidly-changing world, students increasingly need to be creative, curious, empathetic, and resilient. The Future Prize introduces middle school students to design thinking and innovative problem-solving methods that foster critical thinking and compassion.

The one day event includes a design thinking workshop for students and teachers, an action-packed day of designing solutions, and an exciting final "pitch" of solutions to a panel of expert judges.

The 2018 Future Prize Challenge BC will take place on April 18th at Southridge School in Surrey. Teams of students and teachers will address the challenge:

How might we leverage technology to solve a meaningful challenge in our community?**Student teams (up to 3 students and one teacher per team) will:**

- Learn about a meaningful challenge facing the world today
- Build empathy for people affected by the challenge
- Develop creative ideas to solve the problem
- Create a prototype of their solution
- Pitch their idea to a panel of judges
- Foster their creativity, pursue their curiosity and feel empowered to reshape the world around them

Teachers will:

- Receive hands-on professional development on how to apply design thinking tools and methods to enhance student learning - teachers learn by doing while participating on a team with students!
- Get access to the Future Design School app, which includes plug-and-play lessons, videos, handouts and resources to empower students on their innovation journey
- Take students on a field trip that meets BC and MYP curriculum expectations
- Learn how to develop the Core Competencies in students through hands-on problem solving activities using Design Thinking.
- Develop skills in creating hands-on, project-based, personalized learning experiences

About Future Design School:

[Future Design School](http://www.futuredesignschool.com) provides world-class education programs that empower student creativity. We enable educators to deliver personalized, inquiry-led, project-based, cross-curricular & inspirational programming.