



## **Founders4Schools signals next stage of growth with appointment of its first Chief Executive**

The leading education charity Founder4Schools is delighted to announce the appointment of Miles Quitmann who will join to serve as its chief executive with immediate effect.

Founders4Schools improves the life chances of young people by helping teachers spark their interest in future careers and is one of the fastest growing charities in the education sector.

Miles brings extensive leadership, commercial and technical experience as well as a passion for inspiring and motivating teams. With 20 years' experience in high growth technology and mobile businesses Miles has led a number of digital-based businesses, including Europe's first hosted electronic billing and payments company. More recently, he was Managing Director of mobile payments and mobile marketing firm, Proxama PLC, which grew to over £60m in value during his commercial tenure.

Founders4Schools acts as a concierge service for teachers looking to inspire their pupils by giving them access to business leaders in their community. "Miles' expertise will ensure teachers find the service quick and easy to use so that young people get to meet and hear from some of the UK's most extraordinary and globally renowned entrepreneurs."

Sherry Coutu CBE, Founder and Chairman of Founders4Schools, said:

*"On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am delighted to welcome Miles to Founders4Schools as Chief Executive. He is dedicated to our mission of making a difference to the lives of young people across the country by working in partnership with teachers and business leaders to encourage the spirit of exploration in our children."*

*"Not only does Miles bring a tremendous breadth and depth of experience in mobile and digital business, he has led record-breaking expeditions to Antarctica so knows how important it is to have a dream and to follow it. He also has an outstanding track-record of working with business founders to scale highly innovative businesses, so we couldn't be more thrilled to welcome him to our team".*

Miles Quitmann, incoming Chief Executive said:

*"Joining F4S is a huge privilege. I've seen first-hand how young people connect with those who have pushed their limits – I look forward to working with F4S Trustees, Advisors, Partners and Teachers to unleash UK students' potential in this rapidly changing digital age."*

### **About Founders4Schools**

- Founders4Schools is the UK's largest charity dedicated to helping close the skills gap by inspiring young people about the jobs of tomorrow by giving them access to leaders of growing businesses.
- Founders4Schools enables young people to understand how the subjects they take at school relate to the businesses that are driving economic growth in the UK thereby helping them to raise their



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- Our nation-wide network means we are supported by more than 100 partners and 9,000 volunteers who lead growing businesses with more than £ 1 million in revenue and who are willing to visit schools to speak to students in the classrooms
- For more information on Founders4schools see <http://www.founders4schools.org.uk>