Why get involved?

- Develop key university readiness skills, including critical thinking and meta-cognition
- Scholars Programme graduates are almost twice as likely to progress to highly-selective universities (UCAS evaluation, 2019)
- Robust impact reports showcasing use of the Pupil Development Grant
  - Supports schools both to meet Estyn’s Education Inspection Framework and fulfill the Gatsby Benchmarks

The Scholars Programme offers:

- Challenging supra-curricular courses taught by a world-class researcher
- Experience of university-style learning in small group tutorials
- Two visits to highly-selective universities

The Brilliant Club’s Scholars Programme gives pupils from non-selective state schools the opportunity to work with a PhD researcher to experience university style learning. It helps pupils develop the skills, knowledge and confidence to secure a place at a highly-selective university. We work with pupils from aged 10 to 18, supporting pupils to make an informed choice at 18.

Information for schools

- 800 Schools
- 40 Partner universities
- 15,000 Pupils across the UK

A national movement
The Scholars Programme

School Impact Report

All pupils complete a challenging final assignment pitched one key stage above their current level. Tutors provide one-to-one feedback in tutorials 6 and 7. Assignments are marked and moderated with university gradings.

Pupil selection

The Brilliant Club requires that at least 55% of pupils registered on the programme fulfil at least one of the following criteria:
- Pupil Development Grant
- No parental history of higher education
- Deprivation according to postcode

Course examples

The courses your pupils complete will be unique to the tutor who is working with them, but the examples provide a flavour of the exciting courses pupils could experience.

- Bacteria superheroes: can they help us save our environment?
- Is there anybody out there?: Life in the universe
- Mapping the world through contemporary art
- Fantastic viruses and where to find them
- The mind in time: navigating past and future
- Can a computer be my doctor?
- How to rebuild a country
- Is the internet an artist?: Creativity in the digital age
How to get your school involved:
The school contribution is £175 per pupil, a total of £2,100 per placement, which consists of 12 pupils. This cost is subsidised through contributions from our university partners and external grants and donations.

Schools can sign up at any time in the school year. However, we advise signing up in advance of the deadlines below:

### Terms offered:
- **Summer**: (March - July)
- **Spring**: (January - May)
- **Autumn**: (October - February)
- **Winter**: (January - May)

### Sign up by:
- **December**
- **October**
- **July**

**Programme impact**
Independent analysis by UCAS shows that 56% of Year 12 pupils that completed The Scholars Programme progressed to a highly-selective university, compared to only 30% of pupils with similar backgrounds. This is a sizeable and statistically significant difference.

“Programme impact”

“My tutor provided me with constructive criticism of my analyses and assignments which allowed for an improvement in the standard of my work. This not only helped me to excel in my A-Levels, but it also helped me achieve a 1st in my final Brilliant Club assignment which made for a strong addition to my UCAS personal statement.”

Scholars Programme alumnus, now studying at the University of Cambridge

“Programme impact”

“Get in touch!”
Click [here](#) to enquire, or email tspschools@thebrilliantclub.org to register your interest and discuss with us.

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