What is K+?
K+ is a two-year programme of events, activities and academic workshops created to support pupils to gain the skills to become a potential undergraduate and submit successful university applications. The Brilliant Club have worked in partnership with King’s College London since 2012, to deliver the academic stream during the K+ Spotlight Summer school to 2100 pupils. Pupils complete an intensified version of The Scholars Programme which focuses on academic development and attainment through small group tutorials with a PhD researcher and challenging independent assignments. Pupils have taken part in a range of Arts/Humanities and STEM courses, such as ‘The Victorian Internet: Technology and Gender in 19th Century Literature’ and ‘Black Holes and the Nature of Space-Time’. During the week, pupils attend information and guidance sessions run by KCL, tours of the campus and group challenges and competitions.

Who does it reach?
Year 12 students attending non-selective state schools.

What problem does this project solve?

“K+ aims to support young people from underrepresented groups to develop the skills, experience and sense of belonging necessary to not just put forward a strong application to the most selective universities but to support them to be successful when they get there.”

Scott McGrory, Widening Participation Officer, KCL

How does K+ feed into the King’s admissions process?

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