

THE SCHOLARS PROGRAMME VIRTUAL

SHAPING FUTURES - LIVERPOOL

THOUGHTS ON THE PROGRAMME

- Comments from:**
Calderstones School
Saints Peter and Paul Catholic College
Birkenhead Sixth Form College
St John Plessington Catholic College
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It was the first time we have been involved in the Brilliant Club, it was a great learning curve for both the students and myself. All of the staff were fantastic and the information shared was very thorough.

The communication I received from the programme leader and tutor was excellent, and it was mostly this which exceeded my expectations. I was kept in the loop with everything that was going on, the feedback after each tutorial was particularly helpful. The tutor working with our students, Sarah, was great. The students really related to her, and were inspired by her.

This is the first time that Calderstones has worked with The Brilliant Club but the information provided to the school coordinator and the participating students was clear and concise and we were made aware of the requirements prior to the course commencing. Communication was excellent and everyone was kept well informed.



COURSES STUDIED

- "Blood cells and hematological diseases" with Matthew Agwae
- "Shaking Up the Harlem Renaissance" with Laura Ryan
- "Evidence based conservation: Can we save the rhino?" with Sarah Scott
- "Riot, rebellion and the racialisation of disorder: rethinking traditional historical narratives" with Hannah Martin
- "Why are glaciers important?" with Saule Akhmetkaliyeva
- "Understanding LGBT health" with Matthew Hibbert
- "Making Up Real Stuff: Bringing place to life with creative non-fiction" with Sarah Jasmon
- "Could brain training prevent falls?" with Sarah Martin



THE PUPIL'S EXPERIENCE

The programme provides students with skills that will enhance their current and future studies through working in small groups on a topic that isn't covered in the curriculum, developing new skills.

The disciplined way in which the girls had to work has noticeably matured them and will set them in good stead for the rest of their school time, The novelty excited the pupils and motivated them. They particularly enjoyed the independent research

Fantastic opportunity for students to work with PhD tutors who can give them real insight into academic work and inspire them to aim high.

It was a great scheme for students to do in the lock down something challenging, different and something to build on their skills and independent learning.

The programme is well run and the participating students get a lot out of the course. The selective nature of the programme enables students to be given some additional small group time and provides them with skills that are not always possible in a classroom environment.

Due to the unusual circumstances of Covid the students understood the necessity of having to complete the programme virtually. Moving forward I feel that they have developed new IT skills that will enable them to participate more fully in higher education and work place lectures/ meetings.

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