Why get involved?

- Develop key university readiness skills, including critical thinking and metacognition
- Scholars Programme graduates are almost twice as likely to progress to highly-selective universities (UCAS evaluation, 2019)
- Provide stretch and challenge before Key Stage 2 SATs and support transition to secondary school
- Robust impact reports showcasing pupil progress and achievement
  - Cited as an effective use of Pupil Premium by Ofsted

The Scholars Programme gives pupils from non-selective state schools the opportunity to work with a PhD researcher to experience university style learning. It helps introduce pupils to the idea of Higher Education and develop skills, knowledge and the confidence that they could progress to a highly selective university. We work with pupils from aged 7 to 18, supporting pupils to make an informed choice at 18.
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.

Programme planning

A lead teacher at the school will be supported by a Scholars Programme Officer to plan the programme.

In-school tutorials

Their PhD tutor visits the school on a weekly basis to deliver tutorials 2-6. Pupils each receive a course handbook to support them through the programme. Pupils also have access to a virtual learning environment to get support from their tutor.

Course examples

Pupils aged 7 - 11 will study specially designed courses introducing them to exciting topics outside of their normal curriculum below you can see examples of some of the exciting courses pupils could experience.

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 premium eligible
- No parental history of higher education
- Deprivation according to postcode

How many engineers does it take to make an ice cream?

Ancient mathematics and Pythagoras’ theorem

What is fairness?

What are rights?

Power to the people?

Chemistry of the cupcake

Lying with statistics

The healthy heart

Graduation trip

A visit to another highly-selective university to celebrate pupils’ achievements on the programme through the graduation ceremony and learn more about university life. At some venues, parents and carers are also invited.

School impact report

We provide a detailed impact report at the end of the programme outlining pupils’ progress against our university readiness competencies. The report also showcases pupil premium impact.
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.

“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

“Our child has loved being involved in the programme. It made her think more seriously about going to a university when she’s older and given her a sense of pride in her work.”

— Primary school parent, Bristol

How to get your school involved:
The school contribution is £179 per pupil, a total of £2,148 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:

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