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 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.

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 and support transition to secondary school.
- Robust impact reports showcasing pupil progress and achievement.
- Cited as an effective use of Free-School Meal funding by Ofsted.

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.

A national movement

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

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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.

Final assignment and feedback

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.

In-school tutorials

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

School impact report

Pupil selection

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

Pupil journey

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.

Course examples

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

Ancient mathematics and Pythagoras’ theorem

What are rights?

Power to the people?

Chemistry of the cupcake

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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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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

Get in touch!
Click here to enquire, or email tspschools@thebrilliantclub.org to register your interest and discuss with us.