



BRISTNALL HALL ACADEMY

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CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE PROGRAMME?

The quality of the programme is fantastic, it increases pupil motivation, confidence and shows them a university in the UK. Completing an assignment made them feel like they could achieve anything and they were really proud of themselves. The life experiences and social mobility they get out of it are paramount for me.

All our pupils graduated from the Autumn term programme and had great things to say. They started year 10 feeling like they could smash their GCSEs because they had a really good experience on The Scholars Programme.

The university trips are fantastic. It helped travelling to a completely new city where they haven't been, as it gives the wow factor. Campus tours are amazing and talking to current students and seeing the presentations is brilliant. I couldn't fault the project at all.



"On the university trip to Oxford (Exeter College) a pupil said 'why have you brought me to an imaginary land?', he didn't believe it was a real place as it was unlike anything he had seen before."



HOW DO YOU RUN THE PROGRAMME AT?

We choose Year 9 each time, as they are just about to do their GCSEs. By taking part in the programme they have the confidence of knowing that they can do an undergraduate assignment before going into their first GCSE year. We use an application process, to help ensure pupils know the prestige of the programme. We have an assembly with roughly 35 highly able pupils. Previous Brilliant Club Scholars come and talk about their experience, the pupils then write an application saying why they want to take part.

HOW DOES THE SCHOLARS PROGRAMME FIT INTO WIDER SCHOOL PRIORITIES?

It fits into our career curriculum as it gets pupils thinking about where they want to be in future and challenges our high attaining group. The impact report was absolutely fantastic. I love the breakdown of the programme from the beginning to the end and seeing all the findings, it is really useful where you have marked out Gatsby benchmarks. It's a a great snapshot, it provides reassurance for SLT that it is worth it, and that we need to invest in it. After seeing the impact report, the principal contacted me to say make sure you book this again for next year.

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