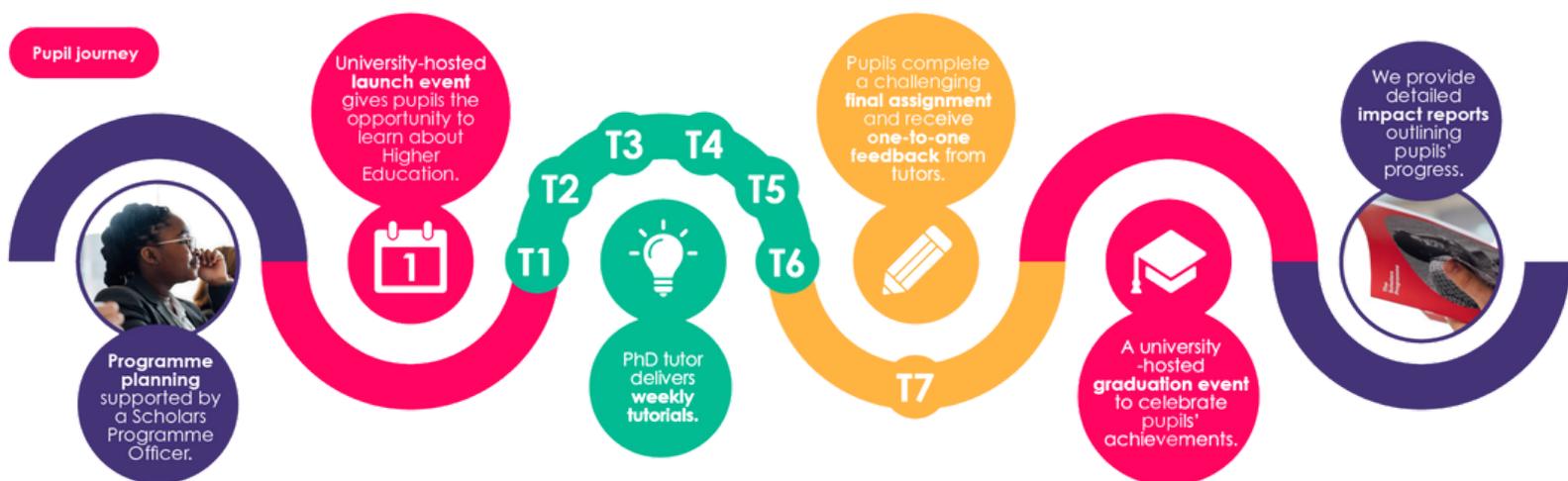


Frequently Asked Questions



The Programme



Can schools pick the subject area for the course?

Schools can request the stream of the course to be delivered. Please note that preferences cannot be guaranteed as they are dependent on the availability of PhD tutors in your area.

How do tutorials work?

For tutorials 1-5, tutors will teach pupils in two groups: A and B. All tutorials last 60 minutes and are taught in groups of 7. In tutorial 5, pupils will be asked to create a draft Final Assignment. For tutorials 6 and 7, tutors will provide feedback in individual one-to-one sessions (lasting approximately 10 minutes).

Can tutorials be held after school?

Schools can choose to hold tutorials after school but this tends to have a detrimental effect on pupils' attendance, energy levels and quality of work. The Brilliant Club strongly recommends that tutorials take place during the day.

What is the targeting criteria for the programme?

We require 55% of the cohort to meet at least one of our targeting criteria:

- Being eligible for pupil premium
- Having no parental history of Higher Education
- Living in an area of deprivation according to postcode (we use the IDACI tracker, classing anything between 1-4 as an area of deprivation)

What does the Lead Teacher role involve?

This table outlines the key actions for the Lead Teacher. Primarily the Lead Teacher is responsible for registering pupils, ensuring they attend university events and tutorials and ensuring they have access to IT resources in school that they might require.

Pre-Programme Launch	During the Programme	Post Programme Graduation
Register pupils	Attend Launch Event	Share impact report with colleagues
Arrange events	Facilitate in-school tutorials	Feedback to The Scholars Programme
Obtain parent permissions	Facilitate in-school study sessions	Provide a case study
Brief pupils	Communicate with tutor and TSP	
Facilitate pupil log in to VLE	Support pupil final assignment submission	
Facilitate pupil survey completion	Attend graduation Event	

University Events

The Scholars Programme includes experiences of two highly-competitive universities: a Launch Event and a Graduation Event.

Launch Event

The Launch Events provide an opportunity for pupils to be inducted onto the programme, take part in academic sessions, meet current first year students and receive information and guidance from our university partners (including a tour).

Graduation Event

All pupils that submit Final Assignments are invited to attend the Graduation Event. The purpose of this is to celebrate pupils' achievements, whilst also providing them with an insight into a different type of highly-selective university.

In-person events planning

For any in-person events, your Programme Officer will send you a Trip Information Pack in advance of each trip, with arrival arrangement details and a risk assessment. The Brilliant Club will coordinate the day and deliver sessions to pupils. We ask schools to organise the transport to and from the universities, and to notify us of dietary and mobility requirements at least two weeks in advance. We try, where possible, to provide trips based on travel times between your school and the university. In more rural areas, travel time can be significantly higher. If you have requests to visit certain universities or locations further afield, please let us know and we will try our best to accommodate.

The expectation is that pupils are accompanied by at least one teacher, with the appropriate ratio of pupils to teachers to be determined by the school. Please note, we strongly recommend that the Lead Teacher attends the trips.

PhD Tutors

Our PhD Tutors have either completed or are currently studying for a PhD at a higher education institution and are actively engaged with cutting-edge research.

Our PhD Tutors complete two full days of training, specific to the age group they will be working with. The training is designed and delivered by qualified teachers and experts in university-style teaching and learning. PhD Tutors are introduced to basic tutorial pedagogy such as planning, questioning and assessment; aspects of classroom management; and codes of professional conduct. Our PhD Tutors are required to have an enhanced disclosure DBS check before they are placed into schools.

Which universities do your tutors come from?

The majority of our PhD Tutors currently come from the universities in which we have formal partnerships. A number of our Tutors also come from smaller institutions like the London School for Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, as well as research laboratories like Cancer Research UK.

How are PhD tutors recruited?

Our recruitment process consists of three main stages: 1) application form, 2) assessment centre and 3) training weekend. We assess all candidates against the skills and values that we believe are crucial to the delivery of excellent university-style tutorials, and cross reference this against relevant guidelines from OFSTED (schools) and the HEA (universities). The application process to become a tutor with us is competitive; we typically accept 50% of applicants.

Are tutors paid?

Yes. PhD Tutors are employed by The Brilliant Club and are paid for the work that they undertake in schools. As such, we expect them to act as professionals at all times, both in terms of adhering to appropriate codes of conduct and maintaining a sense of professional pride in the work that they do.

The Charity

Is The Brilliant Club a registered charity?

The Brilliant Club is a registered charity in England and Wales. Our charity number is 1147771.

How is The Brilliant Club Funded?

The Brilliant Club is a non-profit organisation and has a range of funding streams. Schools and universities both contribute to the cost of delivering a programme, which is further subsidised by contributions from grant-making organisations.

Does The Brilliant Club have public liability insurance?

Yes. The Brilliant Club has public liability insurance (to the value of £10,000,000) for Brilliant Club employees and PhD Tutors.

Does The Brilliant Club have a child protection policy?

Yes. The Brilliant Club has child protection and data protection policies. If you would like to see these, please ask your Programme Officer for a copy.

Does The Brilliant Club have a GDPR statement and Data Protection Policy?

Yes. The Brilliant Club has a GDPR statement and data protection policy and has processes in place to comply with GDPR rules. Click here to read our [privacy policy](#).

Does The Brilliant Club have a complaint procedure?

Yes, [click here to find out more](#).

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