

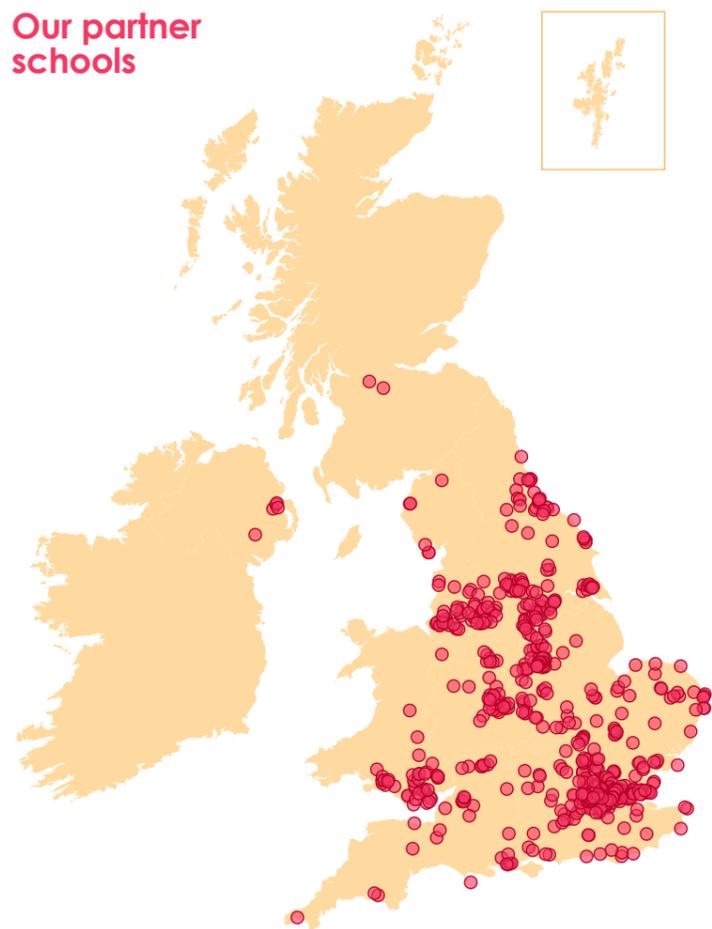


The Brilliant Club's Scholars Programme gives pupils from non-selective state schools the opportunity to work with a PhD researcher to experience university-style learning. It helps pupils to develop the skills, knowledge and confidence to secure a place at a competitive university and succeed when they get there. We work with pupils from aged 8 to 18, supporting pupils to make an informed choice about their future.

### The Scholars Programme offers:

- Challenging courses taught by a world-class PhD researcher
- Experience of university-style learning in a small group
- Launch and graduation events with competitive universities

### Our partner schools



We are a national charity



We are supported by 40+ partner universities



Over the next five years, we are aiming to support 100,000 students across the UK

### An example of our courses

Bacteria superheroes: can they help us save our environment?

Did modern music predict the First World War?

Gone with the waves: climate change and human migration

Riot, rebellion and the racialisation of disorder

Through the looking glass: an introduction to literary theory



# Join the club

Northern Ireland



### Why get involved?

- Students develop key university readiness skills, including critical thinking and metacognition
- Scholars Programme graduates are almost twice as likely to progress to competitive universities (UCAS evaluation, 2020)
- Schools receive robust impact reports detailing how the programme makes use of school funding
- The programme supports schools to meet their requirements from the Education and Training Inspectorate



After never really talking about universities, my son came back from his trip to Cambridge truly inspired and announced that he would like to go there. He is now studying for his A-levels, and learning how to apply for Cambridge. I really feel that the programme made him believe it all possible.

Secondary school parent, Buckinghamshire



### Programme Impact

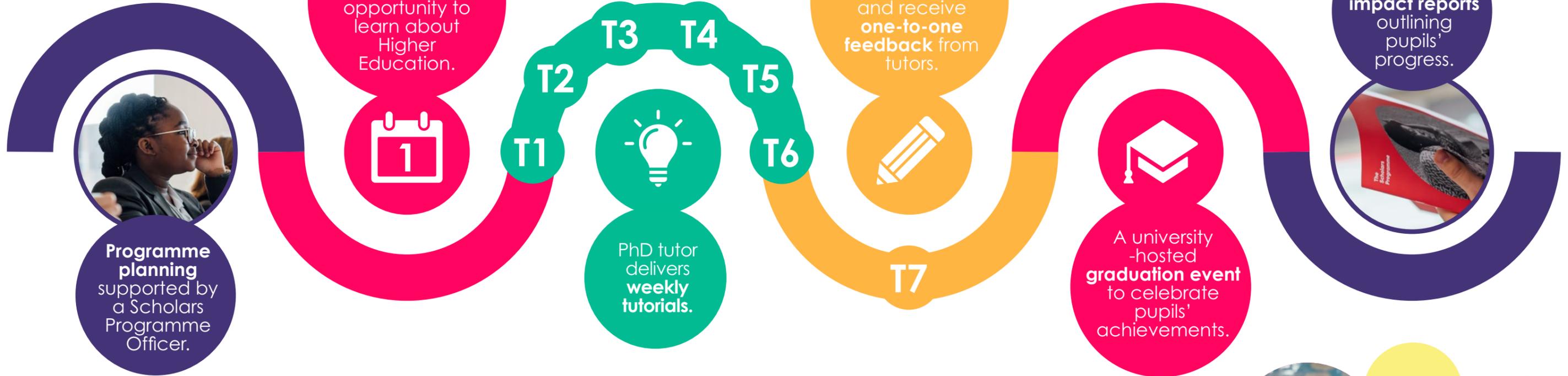
For the fifth consecutive year, an evaluation by UCAS has shown that Scholars Programme graduates are more likely to **apply to, receive an offer from and progress to** a highly-selective university.

The data shows a correlation between **success on the programme and university destinations**: pupils on The Scholars Programme who submitted their final assignment and graduated from the programme were more likely to enrol at a highly-selective university (**48%**) than their peers who did not complete the programme (**28%**).

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## Pupil journey



## Considering running multiple placements?

Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College in Altrincham

14-16 year olds in Spring

+

11-14 year olds in Summer

“ We do two programmes with different Key Stages, so pupils from any year group can take part.   
Lead Teacher ”

## Pupil selection

The Brilliant Club requires that at least 55% of pupils registered on the programme fulfil at least one of the following criteria:

- Eligible for free school meals
- No parental history of higher education
- Deprivation according to postcode

## When to sign up

You can sign up at any time. However, we advise signing up in advance of the deadlines below:

Terms offered:	Sign up by:
Autumn (October – February)	July
Spring (January - May)	October
Summer (March - July)	December

## How to Join the Club

The school contribution is £183 per pupil, a total of £2,562 per placement, which consists of 14 pupils. This cost is subsidised through contributions from our university partners and external grants and donations.

**Interested in running The Scholars Programme across a group of schools? Get in touch to discuss our group packages/multi-placement options.**

Email: [tspschools@thebrilliantclub.org](mailto:tspschools@thebrilliantclub.org)

Enquire online: [thebrilliantclub.org/the-scholars-programme/for-schools/the-programme/](https://thebrilliantclub.org/the-scholars-programme/for-schools/the-programme/)

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The programme is a perfect balance of independent work and critical thinking as well as support from your PhD tutor. It gave me the confidence to believe I could succeed at university. I'm now about to finish my PhD in English Literature.

Scholars Programme Alumnus

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