

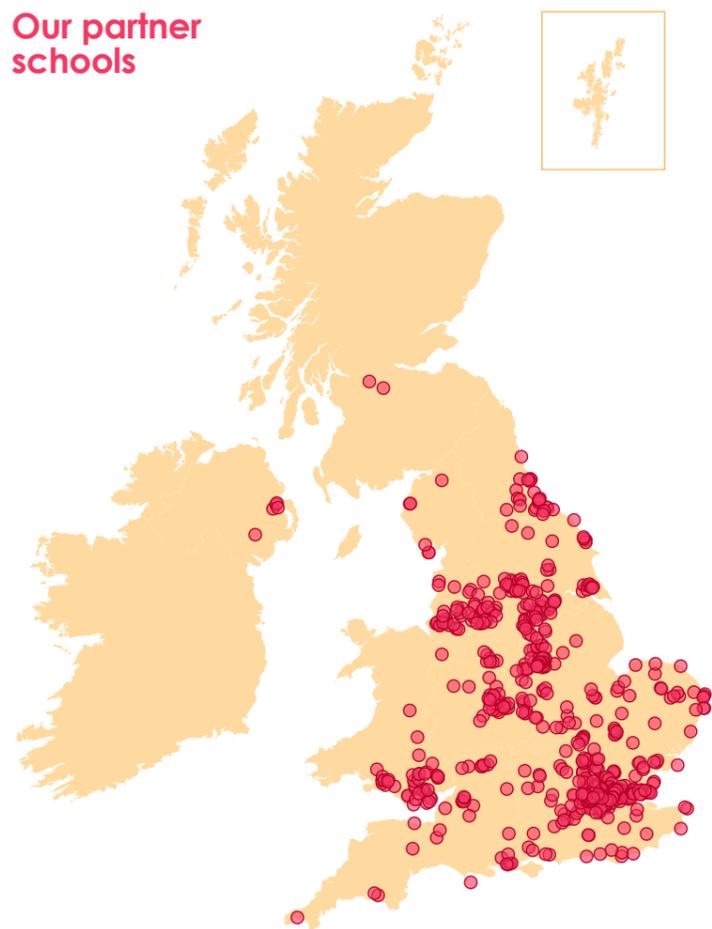


The Brilliant Club's Scholars Programme gives pupils from non-selective state schools the opportunity to work with a PhD researcher to experience university-style learning. It helps pupils to develop the skills, knowledge and confidence to secure a place at a competitive university and succeed when they 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



# Join the club

Scotland



### 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

### 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 Pupil Equity Funding
- The programme supports schools to meet the Education Scotland Quality Indicators



*My child really enjoyed the programme and it was a fantastic opportunity for him and made me so proud to see how well he did and what he achieved.*

*Secondary school parent, Glasgow*



### 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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We are a national charity

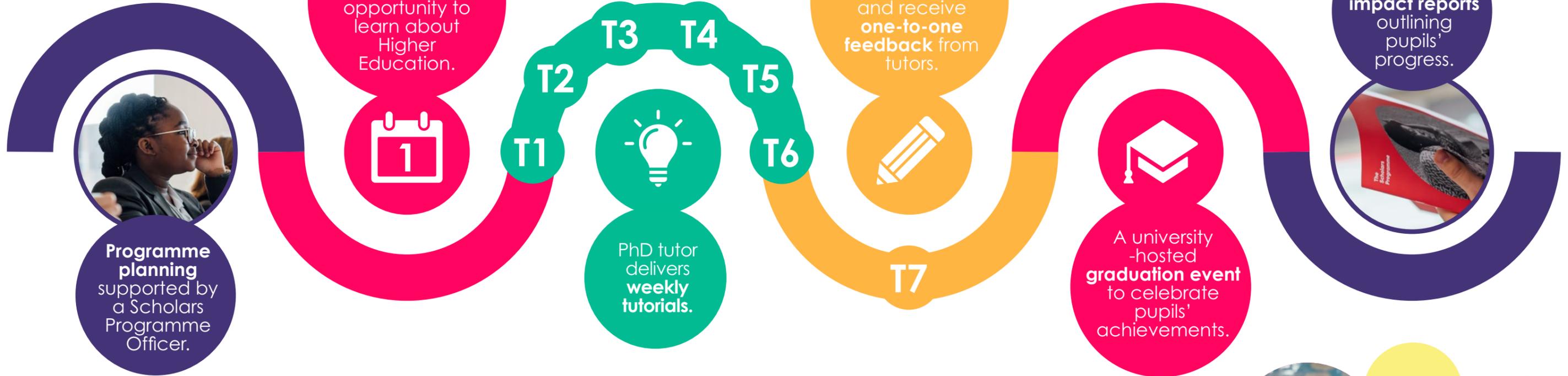


We are supported by 40+ partner universities



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

## 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

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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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## 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/)

