

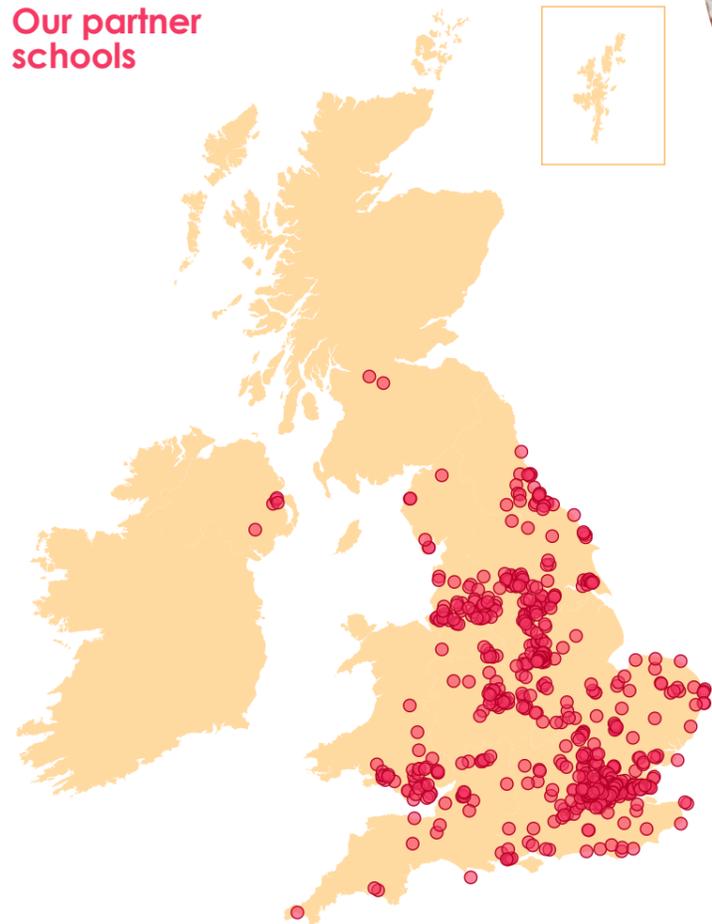


The Brilliant Club's Scholars Programme gives students from non-selective state schools the opportunity to work with a PhD researcher to experience university-style learning. It helps students to develop the skills, knowledge and confidence to secure a place at a competitive university and succeed when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

Examples 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

Getting personal: creating autobiographical theatre

“ Students were more engaged with a topic they had picked, and were able to relate what they were learning with their current studies, ”

Lead Teacher, Queen Katherine Academy Peterborough - KS5 Individual route

Why get involved?

- Students develop key university readiness skills, including critical thinking and metacognition, to support upcoming university applications and successful progression to competitive universities.
- Scholars Programme graduates are almost twice as likely to progress to competitive universities (UCAS evaluation, 2020)
- Schools receive robust impact reports showcasing progress towards Gatsby Benchmarks 3 and 7

Group and Individual Route Options

The Scholars Programme runs two routes for Key Stage 5 students, both are available in 2022-23 for colleges and schools across the UK. Both routes offer students the chance to work with a PhD tutor, who supports them through a university-style module designed around their own research.

Group Route

- Teachers register a placement of 14 students and all students **take part in the same course.**
- Students attend face-to-face tutorials with their PhD tutor in school.
- This route would benefit students yet to choose their subject path for higher education, giving them the opportunity to dive into a new subject outside of their comfort zone.
- This route is best for groups who will learn best face-to-face, supported by their peers and teachers in school.

Individual Route

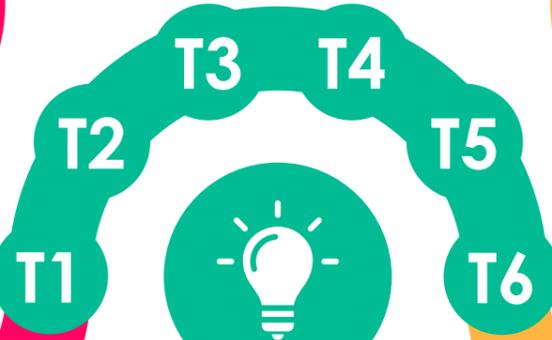
- Schools register 14 students and each student **selects their individual subject area.**
- Students take part in online tutorials with their tutor and peers from across the UK.
- This route encourages greater independence and students taking responsibility for their own learning.
- This route introduces a range of university teaching techniques, such as lectures, alongside small group tutorials and office hours to prepare students for the transition to university.

Group route



Programme planning supported by a Scholars Programme Officer

University-hosted **launch event** gives students the opportunity to learn about Higher Education



PhD tutor delivers **weekly tutorials** in school

Students complete a challenging **final assignment** and receive **one-to-one feedback** from tutors



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Tutorials are scheduled at a mutually convenient time for the school and local tutor



A university-hosted **graduation event** to celebrate students' achievements

We provide detailed **impact reports** outlining student progress



Individual route



Pre-recorded course introduction and pre-reading

Programme planning supported by a Scholars Programme Officer

Live online **Launch Event** with IAG from university partners and academic study skills session



Guided lecture with PhD tutor

Small group tutorials online



Students complete a challenging **final assignment**



"Office Hour" – One to one feedback from tutor

Sessions will run after school and will be the same for all students nationally



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Programme Impact

For the sixth consecutive year, an evaluation by UCAS has shown that Year 12 students who complete The Scholars Programme are statistically significantly more likely to apply and progress to a competitive university than students from similar backgrounds, in all regions in the UK. Compared to a matched control group 56% enrolled in a competitive university compared to 28% of their peers from similar backgrounds.

56%

28%



Scholars Programme graduates, including those eligible for Pupil Premium, apply to Oxbridge at **more than double the rate** of their peers from similar backgrounds.

In 2021-22 we piloted the Individual route alongside the Group route. On average, KS5 Individual route students made the same progress as the national average in their final assignment.



Student Selection and Registration

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

- Pupil premium eligible (In secondary)
- No parental history of higher education
- Deprivation according to postcode: IDACI 1-4

For Group Route

- Lead Teachers register 14 students per placement.
- Lead Teachers work with their Programme Officer to arrange the best time and day for a local tutor to come into school.
- Subject areas may vary across all disciplines in your local area; we ask you prepare students for a dive into any new topic!

For Individual Route

- Lead Teachers register 14 students per placement.
- Students select their top three preferences from the course list, which is released at the same time for all schools.
- Places are limited to 14 students per course nationally, allocated on a first come, first served basis.
- We assign students to one of their top three preference courses.

When to sign up

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

Terms offered:	Group route:	Individual route:
Autumn (October – February)	Sign up by July	Not currently available
Spring (January - May)	Sign up by October	Sign up by October
Summer (March - July)	Sign up by December	Not currently available

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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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How to Join the Club!

The School contribution for both KS5 routes is £183 per pupil, a total of £2,562 per placement, which consists of 14 students. The cost is subsidised through contributions from our university partners and external grants and donations.

If you are interested in running a KS5 placement this year, please get in touch:

Existing partners: through your current Programme Officer

New partners:

email tspschools@thebrilliantclub.org or enquire online: thebrilliantclub.org/the-scholars-programme/for-schools/the-programme/#enquire

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