## Briefing to School Staff

**This email can be sent to all school staff or heads of department to inform them about the participation of your school on The Scholars Programme:**

This term 14/28/42 of our Y5/6/7/8/9/10/12/13 pupils are going to be taking part in The Scholars Programme, run by The Brilliant Club (Registered Charity Number 1147771). This is a programme designed to support pupils to develop skills and knowledge to make ambitious and successful applications to universities, should that be what they decide they want to do. At the same time, pupils will be developing great academic skills to support their school work day to day.

Last year, The Brilliant Club worked with over 15,000 pupils across the UK and in an independent evaluation of the programme’s impact, UCAS found taking part made it “significantly more likely” pupils would progress to a highly-selective university compared to a control group of pupils with matched characteristics.

Pupils enrolled on The Scholars Programme work with a PhD researcher on a university style module, based on the researcher's world-leading expertise. The programmes are pitched at a Key Stage above where pupils are currently studying and are designed to develop pupils' written and verbal communication, critical thinking and metacognition, through exciting, supra-curricular content.

As well as studying with a PhD researcher, pupils will take part in two university events to get a taste of university life and to launch and graduate from the programme.

(If known at stage of sending message) Pupils from [school name] will be studying with a researcher from [the University of x] on a programme entitled [ ]. Accompanied by [Mr/Ms \_\_\_\_\_], they will be visiting [the University of x] on [date] for their launch trip.

(Optional: Pupils taking on the programme this term are: )

Taking part will mean that pupils may need to be taken out of some classes, we will endeavour keep disruption to a minimum.

We will be supporting pupils to catch up with any work missed in a weekly after school session (X day if known). Thank you in advance for your support and co-operation.

If you have any questions about the programme, please contact [Mr/Ms \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_]. Further information about The Brilliant Club can be found at [www.thebrilliantclub.org](http://www.thebrilliantclub.org)