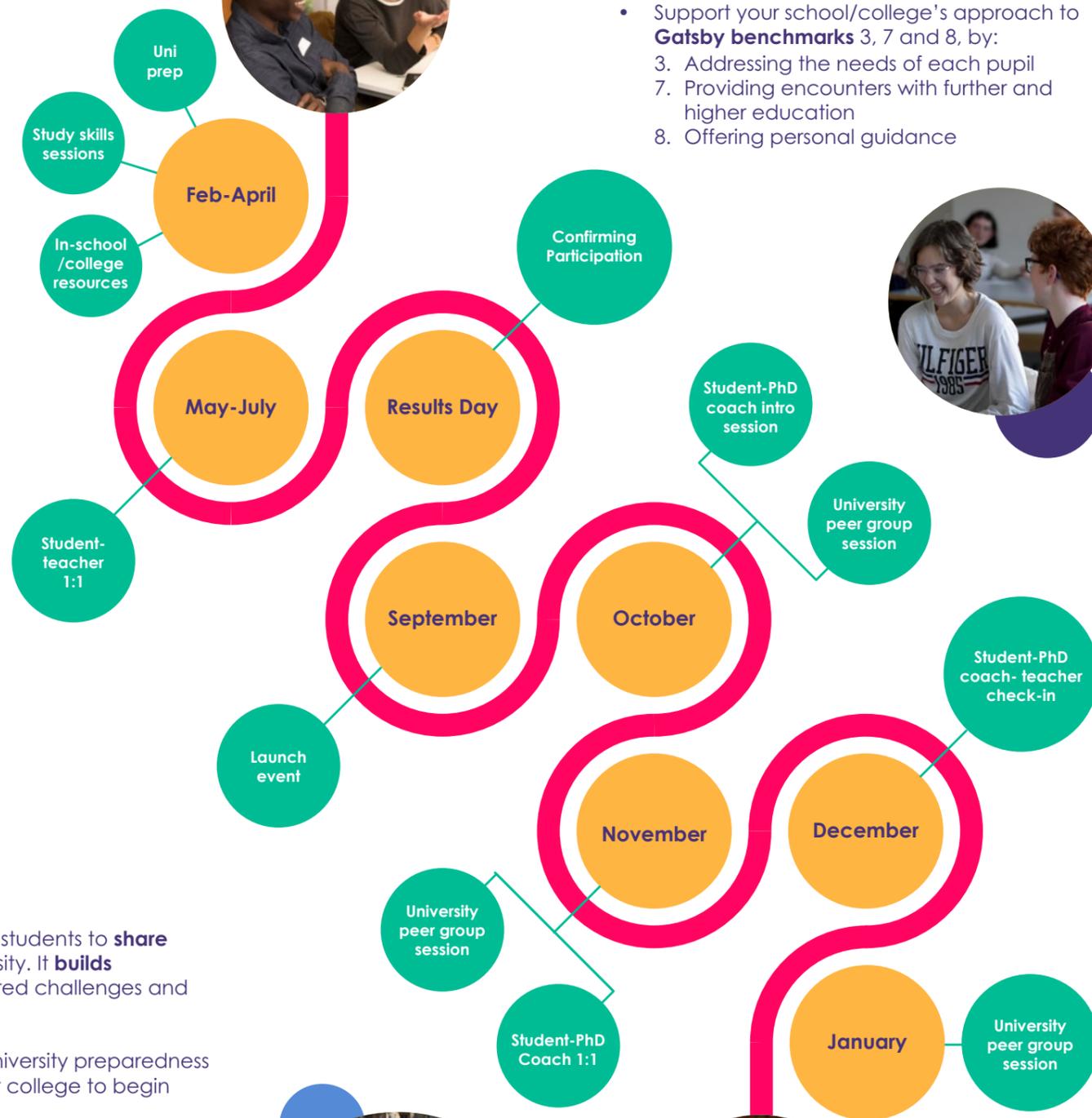


Join the Dots



Timeline



Why sign up?

Being part of the Join the Dots programme will:

- Give Year 13 students in your school/college access to a programme of university **transition and preparedness support**
- **Build and strengthen links** between your school/college and different destination universities
- Give you access to a **bank of resources** which can be used to support all of your Year 13 students with university transition
- Support your school/college's approach to **Gatsby benchmarks** 3, 7 and 8, by:
 3. Addressing the needs of each pupil
 7. Providing encounters with further and higher education
 8. Offering personal guidance



What our students say

"I think Join the Dots has helped me manage the transition from Year 13 to University by helping me become more independent through self-learning... The coach is also really friendly and helpful."

"I enjoyed meeting my coach, it made me feel more at ease because the coaches were people who have experienced uni themselves."

Programme impact

The programme is designed to support students to succeed at university. The long-term outcomes we will measure are second year completion, degree completion and degree outcomes. We'll also measure intermediate outcomes immediately after the programme, including students':

- **Sense of belonging**
- **Academic self-efficacy**
- **Study strategy use**

Our interim evaluation of Year 1 of the programme shows that Join the Dots students have experienced an increase in their confidence in using study strategies and a statistically significant increase in their academic self-efficacy.

Student selection

The Brilliant Club will work with teachers to select students who are most likely to benefit from being involved in the Join the Dots programme.

The Brilliant Club requires that all students have applied to one of the participating universities and that at least 55% of students registered on the programme fulfil at least one of the following targeting criteria:

- Pupil Premium eligible
- No parental history of Higher Education
- Deprivation according to postcode: IDAC1 1 – 4

Participation in the programme this year is free for schools and colleges.

Find out more

To find out more about taking part in Join the Dots, get in touch at jtd@thebrilliantclub.org. Express your interest in Year 2 of the programme [here](#). Read more about the programme [here](#).

For the 2023-24 academic year we are partnering with The University of Bristol, The University of Essex, Goldsmiths University of London, The University of Kent, King's College London, Leeds Trinity University, The University of Manchester, The University of Sheffield and Durham University.

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What is Join the Dots?

Join the Dots is a national programme built on the principles of **community, connections** and **coaching**. It brings schools and colleges together with universities to develop networks of support for students during the transition to university. It is targeted at students who are most likely to face barriers in making a successful transition to university, and who are at risk of missing out on the life-changing opportunities that come from successfully earning a degree from a competitive university.



Connections



Communities



Coaching

How does the programme work?

The programme connects schools, colleges, universities and students to **share knowledge** and **set goals** for a successful transition to university. It **builds communities** of students to identify, discuss and address shared challenges and foster a **sense of belonging** at university.

Students begin the programme by undertaking a series of university preparedness activities. They then meet with a teacher from their school or college to begin preparing for the transition to university.

Once students' participation is confirmed on results day, they are matched with a PhD coach from the university they are going to. The PhD coach supports students through coaching (1-1 and peer group) and provides a link for students between their school/college and their university's support systems.

Once the programme has ended, students are encouraged to return to school/college to deliver a university IAG session.

