# Join the Dots - Theory of Change





Mission

The Brilliant Club's Join the Dots programme supports students from disadvantaged backgrounds during the transition from school to university.



### Inputs



Connection between school and university



Community of firstyear students

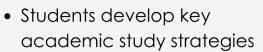


Coaching from trained PhD researcher

#### **Activities**



Study strategy sessions



• Coaches provide feedback and support for first university assignments



## Peer group and one-to-one coaching

- Students set personal and academic goals for their first term at university
- Opportunity to connect with other students from similar backgrounds at their university





Students build networks with peers



Students are supported to independently reflect on academic progress

#### **Outcomes**



#### Academic outcomes

Improvements in:

- University self-efficacy
- Using academic study strategies



#### Social outcomes

Improved sense of belonging in higher education



# **Impact**

- Continuation into second year of university
- Improved attainment