

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 first-year students



Coaching from trained PhD researcher



Activities



Study strategy sessions

- Students develop key academic study strategies
- 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



Outputs



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