The Scholars Programme offers a unique opportunity for P5-7 pupils from non-selective primary schools to work with a trained PhD researcher to delve into new and exciting subject areas, gain invaluable support to improve their academic skills and experience university-style learning. The programme develops pupils’ study skills, academic knowledge and self-confidence, enabling them to succeed at school now and to envision university as a viable option in the future.

The Scholars Programme offers:
- A challenging and supportive programme of learning taught by a world-class researcher
- Experience of university-style learning in a small group
- Graduation event in partnership with a competitive university
- Learning beyond the National Curriculum

Why get involved?
- Pupils develop key study skills, such as critical thinking, which will support their transition to secondary school
- Scholars Programme graduates have increased confidence in their ability to achieve
- Schools receive robust impact reports detailing how the programme makes use of Pupil Equity Funding
- The programme supports schools to meet the Education Scotland Quality Indicators

We work with over 800 PhD tutors
We are supported by 40+ partner universities
We work with over 1,000 schools

Our partner schools

Programme Impact
Students who complete The Scholars Programme, including those eligible for Pupil Premium, are statistically significantly more likely to apply to a competitive university than students from similar backgrounds.

We also see that Scholars Programme graduates progress to a competitive university at a higher rate than similar students who did not take part in the programme.

For further information about the findings, please click here.

My child really enjoyed the programme and it was a fantastic opportunity for him and made me so proud to see how well he did and what he achieved.

Primary school parent, Glasgow

Examples of our courses

The Secret to Living a Long and Happy Life
Lying with Statistics
Politics: Power to the People?
How can Chemists Save the World?
Pupil selection

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

- Eligible for Free School Meals
- No parental history of higher education
- Deprivation according to postcode: SIMD 1-4

Sign up deadlines

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Pupil journey

- T1: Pupil meets their tutor and learns about Higher Education
- T2: PhD tutor delivers weekly tutorials
- T3: Pupils complete a challenging final assignment and receive one-to-one feedback from their tutor
- T4: A university-hosted graduation event to celebrate pupils' achievements
- T5: Pupil selection

Cost

The school contribution is £189 per pupil, a total of £2,646 per placement, which consists of 14 pupils. This cost is subsidised through contributions from our university partners and external grants and donations.

Interested in running The Scholars Programme in your school? Get in touch!

Email: tspschools@thebrilliantclub.org

Enquire online: thebrilliantclub.org/the-scholars-programme/for-schools/the-programme/

It has changed my life completely. I was not expecting it, but my tutor has kept me going all the way. I have loved this Scholars Programme as it has put me in a new spot and I am now more likely to go to university. Thank you so much.

Scholars Programme alumnus, Glasgow