The Scholars Programme offers a unique opportunity for KS2 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.

**We work with over 800 PhD tutors**

**We are supported by 40+ partner universities**

**We work with over 1,000 schools**

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 to support the four purposes of the Curriculum for Wales

**Our partner schools**

**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 covering a range of school reporting needs

**Examples of our courses**

- What is War?
- Lying with Statistics
- The Secret to Living a Long and Happy Life
- How can Chemists Save the World?
- Politics: Power to the People?

**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.

*I think the programme is very beneficial and has given my son insight into what going to a top university would be like. It helped him become more determined and focused to do so.*

Parent, Cardiff
It was a wonderful opportunity to learn a new topic that I do not get the chance to study at school. At the beginning of the programme I was a bit apprehensive as I did not know what to expect. After completing the programme I now feel confident about going to university as I know more about how they teach.

Scholars Programme alumnus, Bridgend

Sign up deadlines

Terms offered: Sign up by:
- Autumn (October – February) July
- Spring (January - May) October
- Summer (March - July) December

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!

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