The Brilliant Club’s Scholars Programme gives students from non-selective state schools and FE colleges the opportunity to work with a PhD researcher to experience university-style learning. It helps students to develop the skills, knowledge and confidence to secure a place at a competitive university and succeed when they get there. We work with students from aged 8 to 18, supporting them to make an informed choice about their future.

Examples of our courses

• Did modern music predict the First World War
• What is the Value of Art?
• Can we Regrow the Brain?
• Can Statistics Show that Climate is Changing?
• How Do Machines Think?

Our partner schools

I really enjoyed participating in the Scholars Programme and it’s made me want to work harder and aim for a more ambitious choice in higher education. Now it feels like an attainable goal and I’m hopeful I can challenge myself to do better.

TSP Alumnus, Swansea

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.
The Scholars Programme has helped me reach a better understanding of both university life and studying as a university student. I am more confident now.

TSP Alumnus, Rhondda Cynon Taf

**Pupil selection**

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

- Pupil Development Grant eligible
- No parental history of higher education
- Deprivation according to postcode

**Sign up deadlines**

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**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: tpschools@thebrilliantclub.org

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