



Subject: The Scholars Programme

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Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to let you know that your child has been selected to take part in The Scholars Programme, an academic programme run by The Brilliant Club. We are an organisation that supports outstanding pupils in non-selective state schools to progress to the UK's most competitive universities.

What is The Scholars Programme?

- PhD tutors (university researchers) teach university-style tutorials to groups of up to fourteen pupils. Many of these researchers are lecturers to students at university level, so it is a unique opportunity for your child to experience university-style teaching.
- Pupils visit two leading universities to find out more about student life at university.
- At the end of the programme, pupils complete an extended final assignment project. Please get in touch with your child's school to confirm the date for the submission of your child's final assignment.

Why has my child been selected to take part in The Scholars Programme?

- Your child's teachers have identified them as having the potential to make a successful application to a competitive university. Although university may not be for everyone, The Scholars Programme aims to give children an experience of university learning to help them make an informed decision.

The Launch Trip

- The Launch Trip will take place at **University of Leeds** on **27th March 2023**.
- The Launch Trip is run in partnership with the host university and will involve:
 - A campus tour
 - A Study Skills session
 - The chance to meet and ask questions of current students
 - An Information, Advice and Guidance session from the university

There will be no charge associated with this trip and lunch will be provided.

How can I support my child on The Scholars Programme and thinking about university?

During your child's time on The Scholars Programme, we run Parent/Carer Panels in partnership with universities from across the UK, to provide more information about the programme and about university. Further information will be shared with you via your school, but if you have any questions, please get in touch with us at trips@thebrilliantclub.org.

With warm regards

Leanne Adamson

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