

18th December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for completing the consent form for your child to be a part of the Brilliant Scholars Programme across the Spring Term, we are really excited to begin this project with them. We are currently finalising the full list of tutorial dates and times and further information about this will be communicated to you in the new year. I would like to reassure you though that we have done our best to schedule these on different school days and lessons to avoid hitting the same subjects too frequently.

There are, however, a couple of confirmed key dates and events I would like to bring to your attention at this stage to give you as much advance notice as possible:

**Online Student Launch: 08/01/26**

On Thursday 8th January students will take part in an online launch session for the Scholars Programme. It will take place in school across P5. This will mark the official starting point of the course and will serve as an opportunity for them to find out more about how it all works, what to expect, as well as details of how to log on to the student portal they will use to complete and submit research assignments. It is really important they are present for this as it will provide them with a thorough overview and answer any questions they may have about it.

**Tutor Launch: 14/01/26**

This will be our students first, in person meeting with the PhD researcher leading the project in school, and will take place across P4. During this session students will find out the exact focus of the research they will be working on and what it's like to be a PhD student.

**Online Parent Launch: 21/01/26**

As part of the overall launch, parents are invited to an *optional* online session, taking place on Wednesday 21st January at 6pm. The sign up link to this can be found here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/fZZHQHEvu0> The session is aimed specifically at parents and carers to

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explain in greater detail the aims and objectives of the programme and how they can best support their young person to succeed within it.

**Tutorials 1 - 6: 22/01/26 - 05/03/26:**

Face to face tutorials in school with our PhD lead (6 in total, dates and times to be confirmed by start of new year)

**Final Assignment Deadline: 19/03/26**

Students will have until 11:59pm to submit their final research write up onto the online student portal.

I will be providing all students a copy of the full schedule for their sessions in the new year, as well as details of how they will receive their marks, feedback and graduation information. These overviews will also be accessible to them through the online student portal they will be logging into on the 8th January. Although I am not expecting the times or dates to change, as we are working with an external PhD expert, if they do need to make any amendments I will communicate this to you as quickly as possible going forwards.

I have also attached a digital copy of the original letter sent out to you a few weeks ago which contains a link to the student data collection form; many thanks to those of you who have already completed this. If you were unable to do so and had trouble accessing the link previously, please could you try again using the one in the digital attachment?

I am really looking forward to keeping you up to date with the progress the group is making on this project across the Spring Term. If you have any further questions though, please do reach out to me.

Best wishes,

Lucia Gallie,

Associate Assistant Headteacher for Personal Development and Careers



**The  
Scholars  
Programme**



**The  
Brilliant  
Club**

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to let you know that your child has been selected to take part in **The Scholars Programme**. This is an academic programme run by The Brilliant Club, and we hope your child enjoys the opportunity!

### **What is The Scholars Programme?**

- Students work with a university researcher in small groups to give them an experience of what it's like to study at university. We call the researcher the students' PhD Tutor.
- Students learn beyond the curriculum; PhD tutors will share their subject knowledge and passion for learning. This will stretch and challenge students as they develop their academic skills.
- At the end of the programme, students complete a final assignment of 2000 words. This is marked using the university grading system and allows students to show the progress they've made. **Your child's Final Assignment submission date is Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026.**

### **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 one of the most competitive universities. 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.

### **When will the programme begin?**

The Scholars Programme will begin in January with an Online Launch hosted during school hours to introduce students to the programme and university. Following this, students will meet their PhD tutor and find out more about their specific course during the Tutor Launch.

### **Parent/Carer Data Form**

We request that a parent/carer of each participating student completes [this online data form](https://shorturl.at/uVidS) (<https://shorturl.at/uVidS>) as soon as possible. For more information on how The Brilliant Club processes the data it collects, please visit <https://thebrilliantclub.org/privacy-policy/>. You can find a version for students [here](#). Completing this form also means we can email you with updates about the programme and you can sign up for our parent newsletter.

### **The Hub and Digital Tutorials**

Students and teachers will be given access to our online learning platform, the Hub. The Hub allows students to message their tutor, with a moderation system in place for safeguarding. Tutorials may also be delivered remotely. When we deliver remotely, and students are at home, we record sessions to provide safeguarding oversight. Recordings are kept for a short time to ensure there are no safeguarding or quality concerns and will then be permanently deleted.

### **How can I ensure my child gets the most from The Scholars Programme?**

We hold an online event for Parents/Carers at the start of the programme to share more information and answer any questions you may have to help you support your child. These events take place in **January**, please sign-up here to receive the dates and joining link: <https://forms.office.com/e/fZZHQHEvu0>

We would encourage you to speak with your child about how they find the experience and remind them about completing their assignments. Further information about The Scholars Programme can also be found on our website: <https://thebrilliantclub.org/>, with specific parent information found [here](#) or by clicking 'Already working with us?' and selecting 'The Scholars Programme', then 'Parents and Carers'.

### **Graduation Event and Parent/Carer Information Events**

Students are invited to attend a Graduation Event at the end of the programme to celebrate their achievements and learn more about life at university. Graduation Events are for students and school staff only, so we can utilise space at on-campus events to offer every child on the programme a place. We value the support parents and carers provide and offer online events at the end of the programme in partnership with universities across the UK, to provide more information and give you a chance to ask questions about supporting your child in their next steps. Further information will be shared with you via your child's school.

We hope your child has a fantastic learning experience with The Brilliant Club. If you have any comments or would like to get in touch, please email [schools@thebrilliantclub.org](mailto:schools@thebrilliantclub.org).

Annabel Marcuse, Director of Access Programmes, The Brilliant Club



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### Parent/Carer Permission

*(This section can be retained by the school for their planning records as necessary)*

<b>Student name</b>	_____		
<b>I give permission for my child to take part in The Scholars Programme as outlined in the letter above.</b>			<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>I can confirm that I have completed the Parent/Carer Data Form online as outlined in the letter above.</b>			<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Signature:</b>	_____	<b>Date of signature:</b>	_____