



**The
Scholars
Programme**



**The
Brilliant
Club**

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to invite you and your young person to attend a virtual Graduation Event, to celebrate your child's hard work on The Scholars Programme. To take part in The Scholars Programme under normal circumstances is a great achievement, to have done so during a pandemic and lockdown is even more so. We would like to take this opportunity to recognise all the support our pupils have received at home during this time, and to thank you for your efforts in a very stressful time.

What has my child achieved on The Scholars Programme?

- The Scholars Programme has involved your child working closely with a PhD Tutor, who is either studying to gain a PhD or already has one, in a series of small group university-style tutorials to study a 'super-curricular' course that explores topics they may not usually study in the school curriculum.
- Many of these researchers currently act as lecturers to students at university level, so it has been a unique opportunity for your child to experience university-style teaching.
- Your child has worked towards an extended final assignment that has challenged them to work above their current key stage.

Graduation Event

Due to the current restrictions, we are running online live sessions for all our Scholars, and their parents/carers. There will be no charge associated with this event. Schools have been invited to attend their graduation on Wednesday 28th April at 1:00pm. Pupils will attend these events in school and receive their certificates and you are welcome to access the event from home, or wherever is most convenient. The event is run in partnership with universities from across the UK and will involve:

- 1.00pm - A Welcome and Keynote speech
- 1.30pm - An Information Advice and Guidance session with a university partner
- 2.00pm - A formal certification ceremony where pupils will receive a certificate to acknowledge and celebrate their achievements on the programme
- 2.30pm – Parent and carer information and university Q&A panel

Parents and carers are invited to join for any or all of these elements of the Graduation Event to celebrate with their young person. At the end of the event, parents and carers are also invited to a 'Parent Panel' where there will be opportunities to ask questions to our university partners.

Please secure your place at this event by signing up on our Eventbrite page, after doing so you will receive further information about the event timings and how to join the event online.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/146760240831>

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

Please go to the link below for resources and advice to support your child and to sign up to our parent newsletter. <http://www.thebrilliantclub.org/school-pupils/parents-and-carers/>

With warm regards,

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