

The Scholars Programme

The Brilliant Club's Scholars Programme gives pupils from non-selective state schools the opportunity to work with a PhD researcher to experience university style learning. It helps pupils develop the skills, knowledge and confidence to secure a place at a highly-selective university. We work with pupils from aged 10 to 18, supporting pupils to make an informed choice at 18.



Why get involved?

- Develop key university readiness skills, including **critical thinking** and **meta-cognition**
- Scholars Programme graduates are almost **twice as likely to progress** to highly-selective universities (UCAS evaluation, 2019)
- **Robust impact reports** showcasing progress towards **Gatsby Benchmark 7**
 - Cited as an **effective use of Pupil Premium** by Ofsted



Information for schools

The Scholars Programme offers:

- Challenging **supra-curricular** courses taught by a world-class researcher
- Experience of **university-style learning** in small group tutorials
- Two **visits** to highly-selective universities

A national movement



Pupil journey



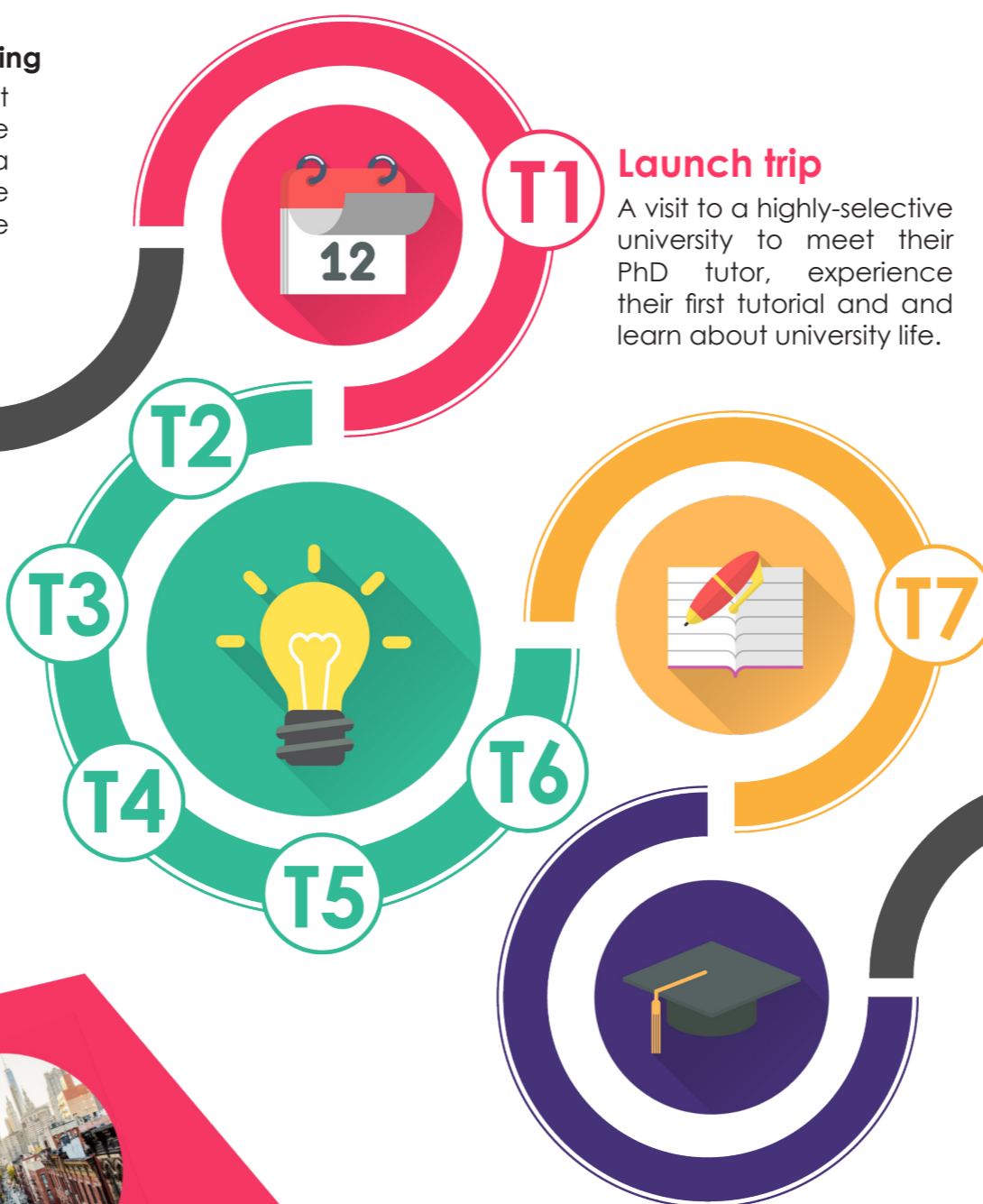
Programme planning

A lead teacher at the school will be supported by a Scholars Programme Officer to plan the programme.

Programme starts

In-school tutorials

Their PhD tutor visits the school on a weekly basis to deliver tutorials 2-6. Pupils each receive a course handbook to support them through the programme. Pupils also have access to a virtual learning environment to get support from their tutor.



T1 Launch trip

A visit to a highly-selective university to meet their PhD tutor, experience their first tutorial and learn about university life.



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 premium eligible
- No parental history of higher education
- Deprivation according to postcode

Final assignment and feedback

All pupils complete a challenging final assignment pitched one key stage above their current level. Tutors provide one-to-one feedback in tutorials 6 and 7. Assignments are marked and moderated with university gradings.



Programme ends

School impact report

We provide a detailed impact report at the end of the programme outlining pupils' progress against our university readiness competencies. The report also showcases pupil premium impact and progress against the Gatsby benchmarks.

Course examples

The courses your pupils complete will be unique to the tutor who is working with them, but the examples provide a flavour of the exciting courses pupils could experience.



Graduation trip

A visit to another highly-selective university to celebrate pupils achievements on the programme through the graduation ceremony and learn more about university life. At some venues, parents and carers are also invited.



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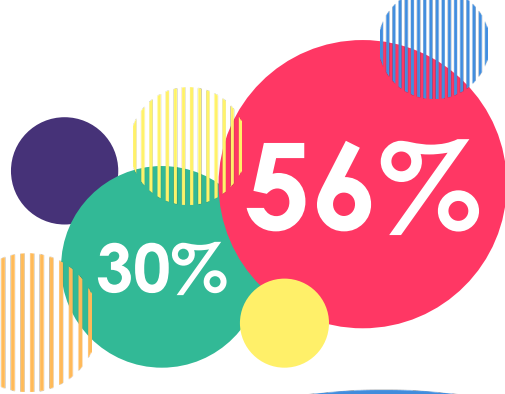
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Can a computer be my doctor?

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Programme impact

Independent analysis by UCAS shows that **56% of Year 12 pupils that completed The Scholars Programme** progressed to a highly-selective university, compared to only **30% of pupils with similar backgrounds**. This is a sizeable and statistically significant difference.

“Our child has loved being involved in the programme. It made her think more seriously about going to a university when she’s older and given her a sense of pride in her work.”

Primary school parent, Bristol

“My tutor provided me with constructive criticism of my analyses and assignments which allowed for an improvement in the standard of my work. This not only helped me to excel in my A-Levels, but it also helped me achieve a 1st in my final Brilliant Club assignment which made for a strong addition to my UCAS personal statement.”

Scholars Programme alumnus, now studying at the University of Cambridge

How to get your school involved:

The school contribution is **£175** per pupil, a total of **£2,100** per placement, which consists of **12 pupils**. This cost is subsidised through contributions from our university partners and external grants and donations.

Schools can sign up at any time in the school year. However, we advise signing up in advance of the deadlines below:

	Terms offered:	Sign up by:
Primary Years 5 & 6	Summer (March - July)	December
Secondary Years 7 & 8	Spring (January - May) Summer (March - July)	October December
Secondary Years 9 & 10	Autumn (October - February) Spring (January - May)	July October
Sixth Form Year 12	Autumn (October - February) Spring (January - May)	July October



Get in touch!

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