

The Scholars Programme with Shaping Futures

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to let you know that your child has been selected to take part in **The Scholars Programme Online**. The Scholars Programme is run by The Brilliant Club and the collaboration with your child's school has been supported by Shaping Futures, an outreach programme for the Liverpool City Region (<https://shaping-futures.org.uk>). The Scholars Programme is an academically challenging programme which aims to support pupils to develop critical academic skills and the confidence to progress to highly-selective universities. Through online learning with a PhD Tutor, pupils will engage with cutting-edge research, and complete a challenging final assignment, contributing to the development of skills such as critical thinking and written communication during school closures.

### What will the programme involve?

- Pupils will take part in five small group tutorials over the months of June and July, these will take place online via video conferencing software.
- In these tutorials, university researchers (PhD Tutors) will give pupils an experience of university style learning.
- Pupils will study a supra-curricular research topic based on their PhD Tutor's area of expertise.
- At the end of the programme pupils will complete a Final Assignment of around 2,000 words, which will be marked in university-style with pupils receiving a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2.1, 2.2 etc.
- **The date for the submission of your child's Final Assignment is 14<sup>th</sup> July.**

### 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 selective 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.

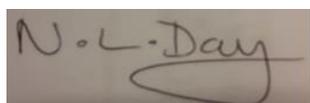
### How can I ensure my child gets the most from The Scholars Programme?

We hope that your child will have a fantastic learning experience on The Scholars Programme and we would encourage you to ask them about what they are studying and their thoughts on university style learning as the course progresses.

All the online tutorials will take place during the school day and your child's teacher will provide them with details of how they will access these. If possible, you should ensure that your child has a space they work undisturbed while this takes place. During the programme, your child will also have access to a VLE (virtual learning environment) which is a moderated space allowing messages between tutors and pupils to be monitored. This site will also give pupils access to further resources to support their learning on The Scholars Programme, which will include recorded videos of the live tutorials in case these are missed by any pupils. As they will not be meeting their tutor in person, we would encourage pupils to make the most of this platform and ask their tutors lots of questions about the work, but also about the tutor's own experiences of university. This VLE is a Moodle platform and is managed by The Brilliant Club.

We hope your child will enjoy the experience of The Scholars Programme, if you have any comments or would like to get in touch please email [hello@thebrilliantclub.org](mailto:hello@thebrilliantclub.org).

Best wishes,



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Head of Programme, Shaping Futures

## **Appendix – Information on Data Processing**

The Scholars Programme is run by The Brilliant Club, a charity registered with the Charities Commission in England and Wales under registration number 1147771 and in Scotland under number SC048774, at 17th Floor Millbank Tower, 21-24 Millbank, London, SW1P 4QP.

For the purposes of registering pupils, administering all aspects of The Scholars Programme and for monitoring, evaluating, and researching the effectiveness of its programmes, The Brilliant Club will request from schools, independently collect and process the following types of personal data about your child: name, DfE Unique Pupil Number, school name, date of birth, home postcode, gender, parental history of higher education, prior attainment, eligibility status for Pupil Premium and eligibility status for free school meals. This data will be requested and processed by The Brilliant Club on the legal basis of the charity's legitimate interest to deliver the work of The Scholars Programme.

As part of The Scholars Programme, The Brilliant Club also processes your child's responses to self-report assessments and your child's attainment in the programme. This data may be used for our own internal monitoring and evaluation processes, but will not be shared with any third parties.

In all cases, The Brilliant Club will process personal data about your child in accordance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679.

Under the EU General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679, you have the right to be informed about the types of personal data being processed about your child. You also have the right to access, correct and remove the data at any point in time. If you have any concerns about or would like to exercise your rights in relation to the processing of personal data and special categories of personal data, that we conduct about you, please contact The Brilliant Club's Data Protection Officer, Ciara Lynch, in writing at The Brilliant Club, 17th Floor Millbank Tower, 21-24 Millbank, London, SW1P 4QP, or email [data@thebrilliantclub.org](mailto:data@thebrilliantclub.org).

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<https://thebrilliantclub.org/privacy-policy/>