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14th December 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

The Scholars Programme

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, an organisation which aims to widen access for outstanding students in non-selective state schools to the United Kingdom's most selective universities.

What is The Scholars Programme?

- It is a programme that places postgraduate university students (PhD Tutors) in schools.
- The PhD tutors teach university-style tutorials to groups of six students. Many of these postgraduates are lecturers to students at university level, so it is a unique opportunity for your child to experience university-style teaching.
- Students visit two leading universities.
- At the end of the programme students complete an extended final assignment project.
- The date for the submission of your child's final assignment is **Wednesday 27th March**.

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.

Parent Information Evening

The Parent Information Evening, being held at school on **Tuesday 8th January** at 5.30pm, will be an opportunity for parents and carers to find out more about The Scholars Programme.

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Please return this slip to Student Services by Thursday 20th December
marked for the attention of Mr Jordan

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Name of student: Form:

I give permission for my child to take part in the Scholars Programme Launch Event.

Emergency contact: Phone no:

Medical conditions:

Dietary requirements:

Signature: Date:
(Parent/Carer)

The Launch Event

The Launch Event will take place at **Jesus College, Oxford**, on **Monday 14th January 2019**. The Launch Event is run in partnership with the host university and will involve:

- A tour
- A research skills session
- The chance to meet and ask questions of current students
- Advice and guidance from the university
- The first tutorial with the students' PhD Tutor

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?

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

Yours faithfully



Mr T Jordan
Deputy Headteacher