

Ref: BRILLIANTCLUB/WNG/ste

3rd March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: The Brilliant Club Launch

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**. We are a widening access to education charity, with the mission of widening access for outstanding pupils in non-selective state schools to the United Kingdom's most selective universities.

The Scholars Programme:

- Places university researchers in non-selective state schools to deliver a course about their research. All our tutors are researching for or have recently finished a PhD.
- The PhD tutors teach university-style tutorials to groups of six students. Many of these researchers are lecturers to students at university level, so it is a unique opportunity for your child to experience university-style teaching.
- Students involved will work on a "super-curricular" course that explores topics that may not be on the school curriculum.
- Students visit two leading universities at the beginning and end of the programme. The exact date of the launch trip to a university will be confirmed via letter to you at a later date.
- Your child will also complete a final assignment of between 1000 and 2500 words at the end of the programme. Deadline to be confirmed.

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 UK's 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.

The Launch Trip

The Launch Trip will take place at **The University of Leeds** on **Friday 20th March 2020**.

The Launch Trip is run in partnership with the host university and will involve:

- a tour
- a study skills session
- the chance to meet and ask questions of current students

- advice and guidance from the university
- the first tutorial with the pupils' PhD Tutor

There will be no charge associated with this trip and lunch will be provided. Students will need to wear full school uniform. We will be leaving school **at 8:15am and return to school at 5pm approximately.**

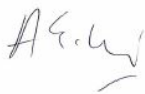
How can I support my child on The Scholars Programme and thinking about university?

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

If you would like to reserve a place for your son/daughter, please return the slip below to Miss Wing. Please also complete the attached parent data form.

If there have been any changes to your child's medical needs, please let us know. If your child uses an inhaler, please make sure it is up to date.

Yours sincerely,



Miss A. Wing

Permission Slip

Please return this slip to: **Miss Wing**, The Grange School by **Monday 9th March**

Re: The Brilliant Club launch trip

Friday 20th March 2020

Reply slip * Please delete as appropriate

I give permission for my *son/daughter to attend the trip

CODE OF CONDUCT

- I have read the details given in the letter.
- We reserve the right to remove a student from the trip if their behaviour/attendance is unacceptable between now and the date of the trip.

Student name: _____ Form: _____

Emergency contact name & tel. no:

Medical Details:

Permission for Photographs to be taken *YES/NO (Please delete)

Parent/Carer, Signature:

Date: _____