



The Scholars Programme

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you of an exciting opportunity available to students in Years 9 and 10 this term. We have recently become involved with **The Scholars Programme**, an academic programme run by The Brilliant Club. The Brilliant Club is an 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 is an opportunity for outstanding students to gain the knowledge, skills and ambition to help them secure places at top universities. Students who take part in the Scholars Programme will work with a PhD tutor; someone studying for their third degree and who is a world class researcher. This learning will take place during six university-style tutorials studying a 'super-curricular' topic related to the PhD tutor's area of expertise. The Scholars Programme is designed to give students a university experience and includes two trips to highly selective universities.

To apply to take part in the Scholars Programme you do not have to be sure that you want to go to university but should have an interest in finding out more about higher education. We are looking for applicants who are curious about learning new things, are prepared to commit to the programme and have the potential to go on and study at a top university.

To apply to take part in the Scholars Programme please write a personal statement, explaining the following:

- **Your motivation for applying for a place on the programme**
- **Your passion for your favourite subject area**
- **Why you think you would benefit and how you will demonstrate your commitment**

Your personal statement should be written in good English, sequenced in logical paragraphs and written in full sentences rather than bullet points. We suggest your statement should be around 400 words long. Please write your full name and year group at the top of the statement.

The deadline for submitting an application is **Friday October 5th**. This should be submitted to Miss Moss in F6, or to e.moss@priesthorpe.org.

If you have any questions about the programme or the application procedure please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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