



Penistone Grammar School

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Dear Parent/Carer of STUDENT FULLNAME

STUDENT FORENAME has been selected for an exciting opportunity called The Brilliant Club. The Brilliant Club is a Scholars Programme which gives students the opportunity to work with a PhD researcher from a local university. It helps students develop the skills, knowledge and confidence to thrive at every stage of their education and ultimately see that university can be a place for them.

Students take part in an inspiring university-style course, taught by a world-class PhD researcher through a series of seven tutorials, culminating in a challenging final assignment and a full-day university visit with a graduation.

The programme will start in March 2025 and last for 7 weeks.

How the programme works:

- The placement lasts one term culminating in a full-day university visit with a graduation
- A series of 1-hour weekly tutorials taking place during the school day. This will not impact on core subjects.
- 14 hand-picked students from Years 9 and 10 (7 from each year group)
- Tutors from STEM, arts and humanities and social science research backgrounds.
- Funded by school

The impact:

- Students who complete the Scholars Programme are more likely to achieve a 9-5 in Maths and English at GCSE than students with the same starting point.
- Students who complete the Scholars Programme are statistically significantly more likely to apply to a competitive university than students with similar backgrounds.

Please complete the form [here](#), identifying your interest for the programme by Friday 31st January 2025.

Want to find out more information, click [here](#).

Many Thanks
Graham Teasdale

Assistant Principal
Student Progress KS3 & Strategic Leadership of Pupil Premium