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Dear Parent/Carer,



We are writing to let you know about an exciting opportunity that we will be running in the Spring term for a small group of Year 8 students. The Scholars Programme is an academic programme run by The Brilliant Club, which aims to widen access for outstanding pupils in non-selective state schools to the United Kingdom's most selective universities. The programme places university researchers (PhD Tutors) in schools, to give pupils the experience of university style learning, around supra-curricular topics, designed to stretch and challenge pupils. At the end of the programme pupils complete a final assignment of between 1000 and 1500 words, which will be marked in university-style with pupils receiving a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2.1, 2.2 etc. Restrictions allowing, we hope to host pupils at a leading university on a graduation trip after completing the programme.

The programme has a proven record of accomplishment and gives students a real insight into university learning that we hope will inspire them for their future. The programme is selective and we only have space for 12 students therefore we are asking students to apply for the opportunity. Priority will be given to those students whose parents did not attend Higher Education or are in receipt of Pupil Premium (55% of our group must include students who fit this criteria). The demands of the course are high, where students miss lessons, they will be expected to catch up after school and most of the assignment will be completed in their own time.

Please speak to your child about this opportunity, more information about the program can be found here <https://thebrilliantclub.org/> or please contact [louise.turner@sandringham.herts.sch.uk](mailto:louise.turner@sandringham.herts.sch.uk) for more details about the programme in school.

A message will be going out to students over the next week with details of how to apply.

Yours sincerely

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Pupil Premium Coordinator

