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Dear Parent/Carer,

Brilliant Club Graduation Event – 17th July, 2024 – University of Manchester

I am delighted to inform you that your child has completed all tutorials and completed their final assignments for the Brilliant Club programme. I hope they have shared their learning with you, and you have had the opportunity to see some of the research they have been undertaking.

Our PhD tutor from the University of Manchester, Kelly Hayes, has asked me to extend her congratulations on the engagement and maturity of all students who took part in this year’s programme.

Final assignments are now being marked and students are invited to attend a graduation event on the 17th July at University of Manchester.

Attached is a letter from the Scholars Programme outlining the plan for the day. Students should wear full school uniform and should bring a packed lunch. If your child is in receipt of a free school meal, we will provide a grab bag on the day.

I have added this trip to Arbor so could you please either consent on Arbor or send your child in with a note granting permission for the trip and I will consent on Arbor for you.

Transport will be in the school minibus and we will be back in school for approximately 3.30 p.m.

Yours faithfully,

Angela Milnes

Assistant Principal





Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to invite your child to attend a Graduation Event to celebrate their hard work on The Scholars Programme. The Graduation Event will take place at **The University of Manchester** on **Wednesday, 17 July 2024**.

What has my child achieved on The Scholars Programme?

- The Scholars Programme has involved your child working closely with a PhD Tutor, who is either studying to gain a PhD or already has one. They have studied a series of small group, university-style tutorials on a 'super-curricular' course which explores topics they may not usually study in the school curriculum.
- Many of these researchers currently act as lecturers to students at university level, so it has been a unique opportunity for your child to experience university-style teaching.
- Pupils have worked towards final assignments that have challenged them to work above their current key stage.

Graduation event

The event is designed to celebrate your child's achievement and reflect upon their options for university after school. Your child will have a tour of the university with current students, an information, advice and guidance session, and an opportunity to celebrate their achievements in a graduation ceremony! There will be no charge associated with this trip, but pupils will need to bring a packed lunch on the day. If your child is eligible for free school meals, please speak to the school about arranging a packed lunch.

How can I continue to support my child thinking about university?

Alongside the graduation event, we will be running a 'Next Steps Session' for parents and carers of pupils taking part in The Scholars Programme. These sessions will provide information about how to support your child with their next steps, and the opportunity to hear from university partners, past Scholars Programme participants now at university, and other parents. To sign up to this event, please use this link or scan the QR code: <https://forms.office.com/e/R7xfcQilVs>



You can also visit the following link for further advice and resources to support your child, and sign up to our Parent Newsletter: thebrilliantclub.org/parents

Kind regards,
Annabel Marcuse, Director of Access Programmes

