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Dear Parent or Carer,

## RE: The Brilliant Club Graduation Event

We are delighted to invite your child to attend a Graduation Event to celebrate their hard work on The Scholars Programme. The Graduation will take place at the University of Leeds on Wednesday 8 July 2026.

### What has my child achieved on The Scholars Programme?

- Your child has worked closely with a PhD Tutor, who is either studying to gain a PhD or already has one. They have studied a 'super-curricular' course, exploring a topic they may not usually study in the school curriculum in a series of small group, university-style tutorials.
- Many of these PhD Tutors are lecturers to students at university level, so it has been a unique opportunity for your child to experience university-style teaching.
- Your child has worked towards a final assignment that 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, a university information, advice and guidance session, and an opportunity to celebrate their achievements in a graduation ceremony! There is no charge associated with this event, however lunch will not be provided, so we ask that all attendees bring a packed lunch. Please ensure all packed lunches are nut-free. If your child is eligible for free school meals and would like a packed lunch providing, please indicate this on the consent form.

Students should:

- Wear school uniform, and a suitable coat and footwear for outdoor campus tours
- Bring a packed lunch, water/snacks for their journey, and pen/paper

The visit will depart in the school minibus at 8.30 am from outside the front of West Building and will return to school for approximately 4.30 pm. As this falls outside of school hours please make onward travel arrangements for your child to get home.



In order to confirm your child's place on the visit, please complete the consent form via the link below by Wednesday 17 June: [The Brilliant Club Graduation Event, Leeds University, Wednesday 8 July 2026 – Fill out form.](#)

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

Whilst our Graduation Events are for students only, we will be running an online 'Next Steps Session' for parents and carers of students taking part in the programme. These sessions provide information about how to support your child with their next steps, and the opportunity to hear from university partners and past Scholars Programme participants now at university. To sign up to this event, please use this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/dqT275y3xW>.

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](http://thebrilliantclub.org/parents).

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Andrews', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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