

Brilliant Club Scholars Programme Year 9

We would like to celebrate the success of twelve of our Year 9 students who have completed the Brilliant Club Programme this term.

The group “graduated” at St. John’s College, Cambridge earlier this month, all showing a huge amount of dedication and commitment to their tutorial sessions and to producing their 2,500 word final assignments.

The Brilliant Club aims to increase the number of students who apply for highly selective universities by allowing them to experience university life through visits and by undertaking a research project.

An introductory visit to the University of East Anglia allowed our students to explore the campus and ask questions of tutors and undergraduates. They were also introduced to Natasha Richards, a PhD tutor from the University of Essex, who supported them throughout their course.

Natasha was highly inspirational, using a variety of study skills methods to deliver a fascinating course on Literary Theory. She was very complementary of the way our students approached their studies and of how they “thought outside the box” to explore their assignment questions in a variety of ways. The course

material allowed our students to access a wide variety of texts and resources and to link this to their own independent reading. Listening to them so eloquently discuss Don Quixote, Maya Angelou’s poetry and Little Red Riding Hood in relation to Horace’s Literary Theory and Racial Formation Theory, was inspiring!



Feedback from our students highlighted how much they had enjoyed the experience and that they were looking forward to exploring university as an option for their future.

Thanks go to Mr Kelman for supporting the students in their studies in school. We are planning to offer a similar programme to a group of Year 9 students next year.

Mrs Pickard

