

## **Brilliant Club Scholars Programme Year 10**

Many congratulations to the eight students who completed this highly demanding programme, “graduating” from Jesus College, Cambridge in February.

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.



The programme included an introductory tour of the University of East Anglia followed by study skills lectures and a seminar led by a PhD tutor. The tutor then visited our school on a regular basis throughout the autumn term to deliver further seminars in order to prepare our students for a 2,500 word assignment on the topic of “Penal Law from Antiquity to Modern Times”.



Although the topic was very demanding, requiring a high level of commitment and work outside of school hours, our students rose to the challenge and produced some excellent assignments. The PhD tutor commented on how quickly they learnt new study skills (such as Harvard referencing and VLE based feedback systems) and how well they worked together to discuss topics and encourage each other.

Getting to visit Jesus College, Cambridge

and talking to students and tutors there, was a highlight of the scheme, with our students asking lots of interesting questions about university work, the courses on offer, living away from home and the social life! Being able to share in the celebration of their “graduation” ceremony was a real privilege and this was followed up with certificate presentations in school by Mr Baker and Mr Corless.



Everyone involved in the programme hopes that our students have been inspired to work towards applying for university in the future.

The programme is now underway for twelve of our Year 9 students and we look forward to celebrating with them at the end of the summer term.

Mrs Pickard and Mrs Attwood