



NEWS RELEASE

Haileybury Turnford celebrates 13 Year 9 students as they graduate from unique university access programme

- *Year 13 students at Haileybury Turnford have graduated from The Scholars Programme, run by education charity The Brilliant Club*
- *The hard-working students produced challenging university-style essays exploring The Guide to Preventing Malaria*

Thursday 23rd February Haileybury Turnford is celebrating the success of 13 students as they graduate from The Scholars Programme, a national university access programme.

Year 9 students at Haileybury Turnford were encouraged to think and work independently across seven tutorials with a subject expert PhD researcher. During the programme, they learnt about Disease Detectives and then completed a challenging final essay which was given a university-level grade.

The Scholars Programme, run by UK-wide university access charity The Brilliant Club, supports students aged 8-18 to develop the knowledge, skills and confidence needed to progress to the country's most competitive universities and succeed once there.

By bringing together two communities – PhD researchers and students – who might otherwise never interact with each other, young people can study innovative and inspiring topics that very few people have ever covered.

Ethan commented on his experience:

"This has made me want to go to Imperial College. I believe I can get there."

Mr Macaulay from Haileybury Turnford said:

"The graduates of the programme now have an excellent understanding of University. Their confidence in themselves has grown; they now believe they can do whatever they choose to. Being able to attend Imperial College, London was eye opening for some students who had visited a University before. I hope our students continue their love of learning, as instilled by working alongside the PhD researcher."

Susie Whigham, Interim CEO at The Brilliant Club, congratulated the pupils on their achievements:

"Congratulations to these outstanding students as they graduate from The Scholars Programme. They join a community of over 90,000 young people who have taken part in The Brilliant Club since 2011."

"Completing their final assignments was no doubt challenging, but it has shown that these students have a passion for learning and the knowledge to produce university-style work already. I hope they use these new skills throughout their education and continue their fantastic work."

Acting Principal Maxine Goodes commented that students have gone above and beyond our expectations and over 80% of all students who completed the scholars programme have achieved either a 2:1 or a First, this is a fantastic accomplishment for our students and we are very proud of their achievements in this challenging assignment.

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Notes to editors



The Brilliant Club

[The Brilliant Club](#) is a UK-wide charity that mobilises the PhD community to support students who are less advantaged to access the most competitive universities and succeed when they get there.

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