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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Brilliant Club Graduation Ceremony on Thursday 13th July

I am delighted to inform you that the Brilliant Club students have been invited to a graduation ceremony at The University of Reading on Thursday 13th July. This is so that they can receive their certificates and also be given a tour of the university to see what universities may offer.

The event starts at **9.45am**, so therefore, students will need to be in school for **7.45am** that day to give us enough time to get there with traffic. We will be travelling by minibus. It finishes at **1pm** so we should return to school for **3pm**. However, this is traffic dependent. I would ask that you take this into consideration for any school collections that day. Students will need to be in uniform and bring a packed lunch.

Please see attached letter from the Brilliant Club with further information.

It would be wonderful to have one or two of the Brilliant Club students give a speech at the ceremony. They will be Spoke-Scholars who can share more information about the course studied by students and what they learned and developed on the programme, and to celebrate their fantastic achievements in their final assignments. The speech needs to be approximately 3-4 minutes in length and should cover:

- Name of their course and PhD tutor
- The best thing about The Scholars Programme
- One thing they found challenging and how they overcame this challenge
- A brief extract from their final assignment (perhaps their concluding paragraph, or their favourite section)

Participating students will need to prepare their short speech in advance, and feel comfortable speaking to all those attending the event. If this is something that your child would be comfortable doing, please indicate it on the form below. I will meet with students prior to the trip to give more details.

It is parent's responsibility to keep the school informed of any changes to contact numbers and medical information pertaining to their child. Parents can update via The Parent Portal (accessible on a laptop or computer) and/or Arbor App (mobile version of the Parent Portal). We recommend the use of The Parent Portal/Arbor App to view and update your child's details as it is the quickest and most secure way to keep all your details up to date. If you would like any support with this please contact our IT Helpdesk on 01425 625 431.

Thank you for your support during this programme. They have done wonderfully and should be very proud of their achievements.

Yours faithfully

Miss Gardiner



Reply Slip – Return to Miss Gardiner as soon as possible

Re: Brilliant Club Graduation Ceremony on Thursday 13th July

Student's Name: Tutor Group:

I do/do not give permission for my child to participate in the graduation event at the University of Reading on Thursday 13th July.

Does your child wish to be a Spoke-Scholar? Yes/NO

I undertake to keep the school informed of any changes in contact numbers or medical information pertaining to my child.

Signed: Date:
Parent/Carer