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Friday 12th June 2026

Brilliant Club Graduation Event

We are pleased to confirm that the Schools Programme Event will take place at **SOAS University of London** on **Tuesday 30th June 2026**.

- As you know, 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.

The graduation 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!

Children will be travelling to and from the SOAS University of London via train. **Children should meet at Ockendon Station at 8:30am and are expected to return to Ockendon station for collection at approximately 4:30pm.**

Children should wear full school uniform for the trip. There will be no charge associated with this trip, but children will need to bring a packed lunch and drinks for the day. Please confirm attendance and permission by consenting on arbor in the Trips section.

Graduation Events are for students only, however the Scholar's Programme 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>.

Thank you for continued support with this programme,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Nye
Deputy Headteacher

