



8th January '24

RE: Scholars Programme Information (Selected Year 5 Children)

Dear Park Lane Family,

Following the news of your child's exciting enrolment in the Scholars Programme, we are thrilled to share some further information about their course and how the project will run.

The course title this academic year is: '*Power to the People?*' and will explore the concept of democracy and will involve the children answering some big questions that political thinkers have been pondering for a long time. Throughout the course, the children will explore some of the earliest examples of democratic societies and how and why the United Kingdom became a democracy. They will learn about the United Kingdom's political system, the main parties and how they organise themselves.

During school time, over a 5-week period, your child will have targeted sessions delivered by their PHD tutor in two groups of 7 children. Following each session with their tutor, the children will have another Scholars session allocated in their school timetable to complete further academic research and submit their homework required ahead of their next session. After their first 5 sessions, they will then begin to draft their 1000-word assignment around the following question: '*How democratic is the United Kingdom? Is there anything we should do to make it more democratic?*' This assignment is where the children will apply all of their academic research and readings to showcase their understanding of the question. More information will be provided closer to the time regarding their draft, including a marking criteria and key things that need to be included. Please note: We will not have this information to share until their 5th session is completed. In previous years, the Scholars children have then been tasked to come up with some initial ideas or a draft essay, if they feel confident, at home which will then be explored and written in school through guidance of staff at school and their PHD tutor.

Following their assignment submission (deadline yet to be confirmed), the children then await their final results which will be marked externally by the Brilliant Club, before attending their very own graduation ceremony.

The programme will launch on 9th January, via zoom, which your child will attend whilst at school: they will learn more about the course, university life and what the project entails. They will then have their first initial meet with their tutor on 16th January before commencing their 5-week block the following week, with weekly sessions during a Tuesday afternoon thereafter.

We hope your children will enjoy this experience, widening their horizons and prospects for university or further academic studies in the future. We thank you in advance for your support with the project and should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours Sincerely,



Mrs Boyes
Assistant Head