

# MP praises local pupils getting a taste of university



Local MP Dominic Grieve visited Year 9 and 10 pupils at Beaconsfield School recently to hear about their progress as part of The Scholars Programme – a prestigious national scheme which gives school pupils an opportunity to experience university-style learning.



*Dominic Grieve MP with pupils from Beaconsfield School, who are participating in The Scholars Programme.*

The programme recruits, trains and places PhD researchers in non-selective state schools to deliver university-style tutorials based on their own research to small groups of pupils. The pupils Dominic Grieve met with are studying a course entitled Leadership Styles: What Defines a Great Leader? with their tutor Elaine Pang from University of Warwick.

As part of the programme, the pupils will also visit two highly-selective universities, where they receive information, advice and guidance about university life and making a successful university application.

**Lead Teacher,  
Fiona Palmer-Garrett, said:**

*"I was delighted to meet with Dominic Grieve and show him the work pupils are doing in The Scholars Programme. I'm proud of the achievements of our pupils who are participating and I continue to be excited to see how their participation inspires their study and university choices."*

**Dominic Grieve said:**

*"It was great to visit Beaconsfield School today, and meet pupils taking part in The Scholars Programme. I was very impressed at how they engaged with such a complex and challenging academic topic. It just goes to show what young people from Beaconsfield can achieve if we give them the opportunity"*

**Dr Chris Wilson,  
CEO of The Brilliant Club said:**

*"In Britain today, there's an entrenched link between a young person's background and their chance of education success. The Scholars Programme helps pupils develop the knowledge and skills necessary to fulfil their academic potential and secure places at highly-selective universities. We're really grateful to Dominic Grieve for taking time to come and see the great work that our PhD tutors and partner schools are doing, and the amazing things pupils are achieving."*