

## What is the Villiers Park Scholars Programme?

The **Villiers Park Scholars Programme** is a series of activities and events running over four years of a student's life, from the beginning of Y10 to the end of Y13, put together and led by Villiers Park Educational Trust. These include mentoring, online support, one-day workshops and residential courses.

**Scholars** are young people who are identified by their teachers as being very able and from less advantaged backgrounds.

The aim is to get Scholars to develop a passion for learning and fulfil their potential by progressing to a leading university or other centre of excellence (e.g. a top drama school or joining an engineering firm as a Higher Level Apprentice). We want Scholars to aim high and achieve excellence.



As well as providing additional challenging learning activities, the programme addresses all the potential problems or areas of difficulty that the student may face (e.g. not being confident enough in lessons or not knowing enough about going on to study at university). All the parts of the programme join together like a jigsaw to address the individual needs of each Scholar.

Each Scholars Programme takes place over a number of years, rather than being a 'one off' event. By working with the Scholars over a period of time, we maximise our impact and see substantial change in their work, attitude and outlook.

We encourage our Scholars to grow and identify together as a group. We expect them to put something back into their schools and colleges by sharing what they have learnt and helping develop the learning of larger numbers of their peers. **Villiers Park INVOLVE** gives them a framework to do this.

The Scholars Programme includes access to the **Villiers Park Advisory Service**, which works with schools and colleges to further develop their teaching and learning.

Villiers Park Educational Trust currently runs seven Scholars Programmes across the country. You can learn more about us from our website, [www.villierspark.org.uk](http://www.villierspark.org.uk), by calling us on 01223 872601 or e-mailing us on [vp@villierspark.org.uk](mailto:vp@villierspark.org.uk).

The Norfolk Scholars Programme is a partnership between Villiers Park Educational Trust and the University of East Anglia. Each Scholars Programme has a local team consisting of Learning Mentors led by a Programme Manager. Your local team is led by **Laura Anderson**. You can contact Laura on [laura.m.anderson@uea.ac.uk](mailto:laura.m.anderson@uea.ac.uk).

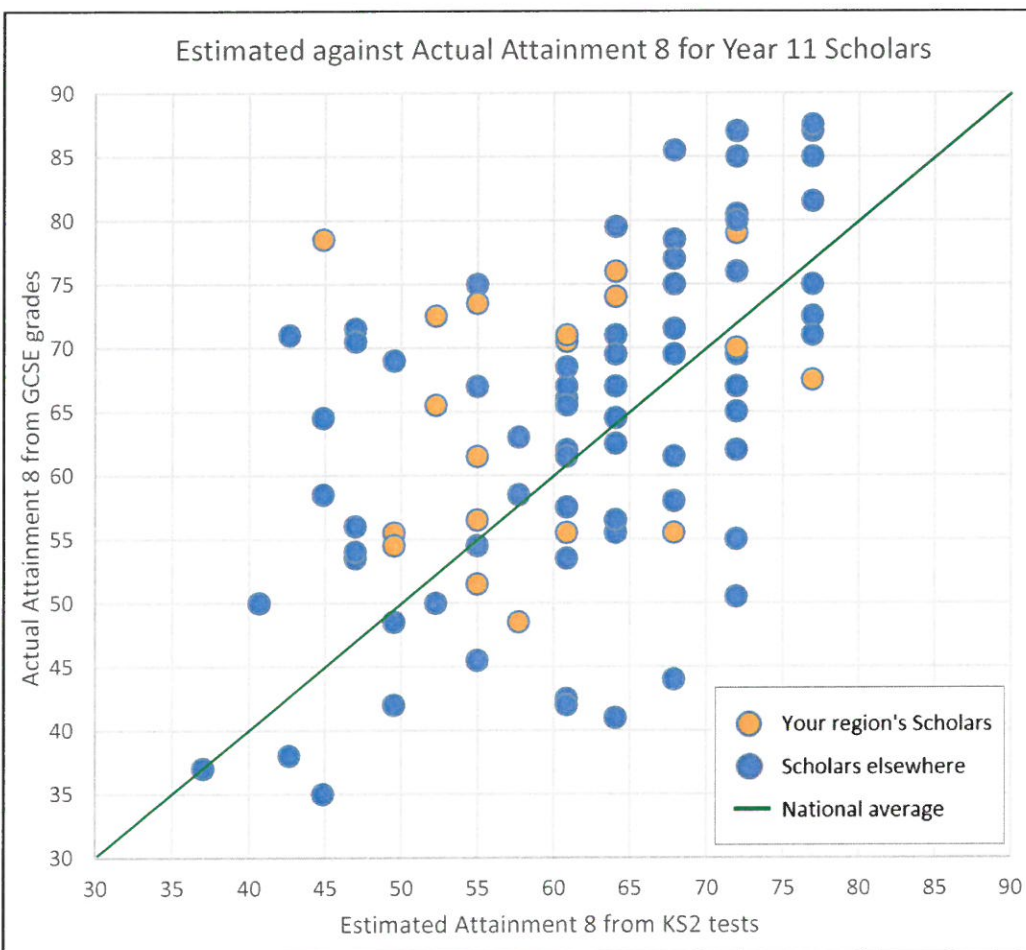
## Norfolk Scholars Programme Regional Year 11 Scholars' Attainment 2017

We have used the Department for Education Progress 8 measure to analyse the progress of Scholars two years into their four year programme. This measures the actual Attainment 8 score against an estimated Attainment 8 value based on the Scholar's Key Stage 2 reading and maths scores. Attainment 8 is made up from Maths and English (highest from English Language or Literature), the three highest EBacc grades and the three highest grades from other approved subjects. In 2017 the points system was changed to include reformed English and Mathematics grades, the maximum attainment 8 score is 87.5.

Recent national data (RAISEonline 2016) suggests that high ability Pupil Premium students underachieve by more than 3.5 grades at GCSE.

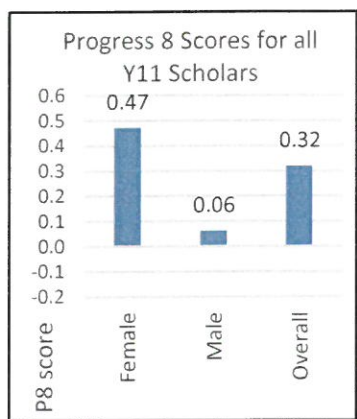
The graph below shows 94 of the 144 Scholars who completed Year 11 in 2017 for whom we have all the necessary data. The diagonal line represents the national average attainment score and Progress 8 is the difference between the dot and the line (divided by 10).

Progress 8 Scores	
National	0.0
Disadvantaged	-0.36
All Y11 Scholars	+0.32
Your region's Scholars	+0.59



The average Progress 8 score of the group is +0.32. This can be interpreted to be a third of a grade higher across all their subjects.

63% of all Y11 Scholars analysed have progressed at a rate above nationally expected (a positive score).



44% of Year 11 Scholars GCSE grades were A\*, A or 9-7. 99% of Scholars achieved at least 5, A\*-C/ 9-4/ Dist\* grades.

**The Scholars have achieved an overall positive score, giving them a competitive edge academically when compared to their more advantaged peers.**

Surveys of all Scholars finishing Y11 in 2017 found that the Scholars Programme has had a positive effect on their:					
Ability to work in a team	Communication skills	Self-confidence	Resilience	Research skills	Enthusiasm for learning
93%	91%	86%	85%	80%	78%