

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child has been invited to join the Children's University™ (CU), which is an international organisation that provides 7 – 14 year olds (and 5 & 6 year olds with their families) with access to exciting and innovative learning activities and experiences outside of the normal school day. These learning activities are being provided by this school as well as other organisations and are called *Learning Destinations*.

The Children's University™ aims to raise aspirations, celebrate achievement, boost achievement and foster a love of learning, so that children can make the most of their abilities and interests.

All children who join the Children's University have an individually numbered *Passport To Learning* in which they can collect stamps and stickers to demonstrate the number of hours of learning they have achieved in validated Children's University activities. They will also be able to record their hours, give feedback on the activities and look for new *Learning Destinations* on the schools on line CU *E-Passport* secure website and via the new App.

The official national Children's University Trust™ Awards

There are three groups: Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Doctorate, with four levels in each. The first level is called the Award level:

- 30 hours = Bronze Award certificate
- 65 hours = Silver Award certificate
- 100 hours = Gold Award certificate

There are progressive steps leading all the way up to 1000 hours of learning at the top Doctorate level. We ask children to participate in at least 10 hours of 'something new' for each award level above Bronze/Award level.

The cost of CU Membership for each child is £3 for which each child receives:

- A CU *Passport To Learning*
- Access to CU *Learning Activities* provided by CU quality assured *Learning Destinations*.
- Participation in a Children's University Graduation ceremony where they will receive a Children's University certificate, dressed traditionally in a graduation cap & gown, with an invitation to parents/carers to attend.

Membership is renewed each time a new *Passport To Learning* is required (on average we find this is once every 18 months).

Through participation in fun, high quality learning experiences, we aim to grow inquisitive, confident, independent children and learners. It's about enjoyment and a

sense of achievement for all. Membership of the Children's University provides each child with access to a range of quality assured learning provision.

Children are responsible for their own *Passport To Learning* and it is very important that they take care of them as lost records cannot always be accessed.

Please see the school website and the Children's University website for a programme of learning activities demonstrating the opportunities being provided in school and the Bromsgrove area. To find out where the activities are away from school, visit www.childrensuniversity.co.uk and click on the Learning Destination section on the front page. Information will also be sent out in our school's newsletters and listed on the school website.

Please note that Children's University can only take responsibility for the quality of the learning experience provided by the *Learning Destination* and cannot be held responsible for other matters.

For more information about Children's University speak to the school's Children's University Co-ordinator – Miss K North or contact the local Children's University office on 0121 718 7081.

We do hope you will support your child in this exciting venture and help them to achieve their Children's University™ awards.

If you would like to order a Passport To Learning, please take £3 in an envelope with your name and class on, to the finance office.

Yours sincerely,

Mr G Roberts
Head teacher

Miss K North
Children's University
Co-ordinator