

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are really excited to introduce a new innovative and dynamic, national scheme that will provide the opportunity to:

- ✓ Raise children's self-esteem, attainment and aspirations by taking part in activities out of school hours.
- Encourage children to try new experiences, develop new interests and acquire skill through participation in learning activities outside the classroom.
- ✓ Opportunity to recognise every individual student who achieve above and beyond outside the classroom.
- ✓ Develops KS3 students skills and confidence to continue with D of E and other initiatives in KS4.

Every child in Year 7 and Year 8 will be invited to join Children's University^M (CU), which is an international organisation that provides 5-14 year olds 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 that are called *Learning Destinations*. To find the most up to date list of Learning Destinations you can visit our website www.childrensuniversity.co.uk

Every Year 7 and 8 student at Woodrush will be given a *Passport to Learning* in which they collect stamps and stickers to demonstrate the number of hours of learning they have achieved in validated Children's University activities.

The official national Children's University Trust™ Awards

Achievement type	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Undergraduate Award	30 hrs	65 hrs	100 hrs
Undergraduate Certificate	130 hrs	165 hrs	200 hrs
Undergraduate Diploma	230 hrs	265 hrs	300 hrs
Undergraduate Degree	330 hrs	365 hrs	400 hrs
Postgraduate Award	430 hrs	465 hrs	500 hrs
Postgraduate Certificate	530 hrs	565 hrs	600 hrs
Postgraduate Diploma	630 hrs	665 hrs	700 hrs
Postgraduate Master's Degree	730 hrs	765 hrs	800 hrs
Doctorate, Doctorate	830 hrs	865 hrs	900 hrs
Doctorate, Fellowship	930 hrs	965 hrs	1000 hrs

Every child in Year 7 and Year 8 will receive:

- 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.

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.

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 find attached information regarding how your child can access Children's University online so that they can record and monitor the number of learning hours they have accumulated. Your child's log in details are on their passport for learning and in their student planners.

If you require any further information please contact Mrs Ashley (CU coordinator) sashley@woodrush.org
If you do not wish your child to take part in the scheme, please email your child's Head of Year.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Holtom-Brown

Assistant headteacher

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Mrs Ashley

Children's University Coordinator



CU Families

Children's University is excited to be able to launch **CU Families** in your area!

CU Families has been designed to make getting information directly to parents/carers even easier and more efficient.

All we ask for is one email address of a parent or carer of each child who owns a Children's University 'Passport to Learning'.

You will receive the 'Learning Destination Watch' listing the latest activity providers to register with us. Also, will be first to hear about other exciting opportunities like CU Lectures, CU Summer Schools and similar.

This is optional for families; therefore, we ask that schools continue to distribute information for those families that may choose not to be included in our mailing list.

Under the Data Protection Act 1998, we need your consent to store your personal details. By completing this form, you agree to the following statement: "I give my consent for Worcestershire Children's University to process and use my personal information. I understand that this information will be kept confidential to Worcestershire Children's University"



Children's University Online:

How it works for children

Schools or Children's University Managers will generate logins for participants. Once a child has their log in they are able to access their own private dashboard. Children can log in by going to www.childrensuniversity.co.uk they can access their dashboard through any internet enabled device.

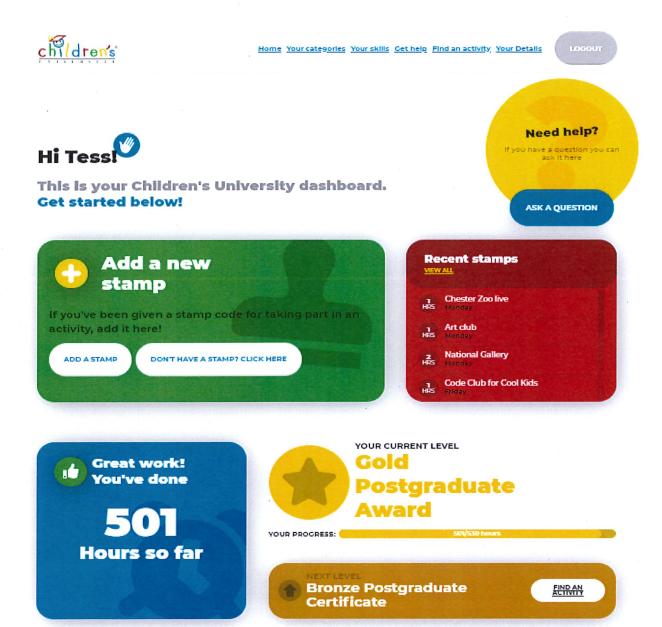
What can children do once they have logged in?

- 1. Children can submit their stamp codes to gain credits these will automatically update their account. If they took part in an activity but were not given a stamp code they can create a *Stamp appeal*
- 2. They can see how many hours they have achieved which creates positive reinforcement
- 3. If a child needs help, they can submit a question via the help button, this will come through to their Children's University school coordinator
- 4. Children can click on Recent stamps to see information of the activities they have completed
- 5. They can see their current award and visually measure their progress against Children's University award levels
- 6. Children can easily see upcoming activities that are taking place within school, encouraging them to try something new



What does a child's dashboard look like?

Below illustrates what a child's dashboard might look like. It is bright and easy to navigate. why not set up a test child? This will enable you to explore the child's dashboard from their perspective, you could even add a few stamps!



























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