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UNIVERSITY



# WHAT IS CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY?

Children's University is a national charitable organisation giving 5 to 14 year olds exciting and innovative learning activities and experiences outside normal school hours. Children's University's innovative Passport to Learning encourages children from the age of 5 to try new learning experiences in and outside of school; at after school clubs, at home, in the local library, museum or further afield.

Culminating in an inspirational graduation ceremony, this adventure encourages children to see the joy of learning, giving a sense of wonder in the world around them and develops their confidence and aspirations for the brightest futures. Raising children's aspirations is important to us and we aim to develop the understanding that learning can be the satellite navigation to better places in life!

## WHAT DOES OUR CHANCELLOR SAY?

"I'm delighted to be the Patron of Warrington Children's University. This scheme really does provide a gateway to a bright future for young people, rewarding achievement and raising aspirations. By offering co-curricular learning activities for children outside of school, in unusual and innovative settings, students of all ages will be on a fun-packed fast-track to knowledge! If even one child chooses a future in further education off the back of participating in Children's University, then that will make the scheme a success."

- Curtis Jobling, Author and Illustrator



# HOW DOES IT WORK?



Once registered through school, young people can gain credits by participating in extra-curricular school led activities; learning at one of our verified “Public Learning Destinations”; attending structured activity sessions at local libraries, museums, farms, leisure centres or more across the UK; and by taking part in our set holiday challenges. Usually, every time a student takes part in one hour of voluntary learning they will gain one credit towards Children’s University. These credits will be recorded in their Passport to Learning. If students gain enough credits by the end of Year 2 or Year 6 they will be invited to graduate at our very special Graduation Ceremony.



# WHAT ARE LEARNING DESTINATIONS?



Learning Destinations are verified learning providers who provide voluntary, structured learning outside of school hours. All Learning Destination will have our logo displayed and are featured at [www.childrensuniversity.co.uk](http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk). Local Learning Destinations include Warrington Wolves Foundation, Warrington Museums, Daresbury Laboratories, Pyramid and Parr Hall, LiveWire Libraries and Leisure Centres, plus a variety of individual local activities and clubs.



# WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?



Children's University supports schools in providing their Personal Development requirements as per The Education Inspection Framework and Ofsted. We can also support schools Pupil Premium Agenda, School Improvement Plans, PE and Sports Premium requirements, and Careers Strategy and enrichment provision. Children who participate benefit from raised aspirations, increased confidence and self-esteem, and positive character development. Through our graduations, students and their families benefit from increased knowledge of and exposure to Higher Education opportunities and pathways, promoting social mobility.



**“Children were more likely to select professional occupations as their future aspiration, and to report higher levels of communication, empathy, self-confidence, resilience, and happiness, after the intervention.”**

- Education Endowment Foundation Evaluation Report, December 2017.

**“Disadvantaged children who take part in after-school clubs during primary school have higher KS2 results than those who do not”**

- NatCen: Can Out of School Activities Close the Education Gap? 2016.

**“Children in CU schools made two additional months’ progress in reading and maths compared to children in other schools.”**

- Education Endowment Foundation Evaluation Report, December 2017.

**“Participation in CU out-of-school activities and social action is linked to small gains in maths and reading”**

- Education Endowment Foundation Evaluation Report, December 2017.





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# WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

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