

Information for students



Children's University (CU) is all about lifelong learning. In other words, learning does not stop on the day that you finally walk out of the school gates! While mathematics, literacy, science and so on are all important (and believe it or not, they will be useful in your adult life!), there are countless other skills and subjects to be learnt – and you can have fun at the same time.

HOW IS THE CLUB THAT I'M DOING NOW, 'LEARNING FOR LIFE'?

Well, skills are transferable. This means that if you learn fancy footwork in your football club, it could help you to be a brilliant ballroom dancer too (although it hasn't worked so well for Robbie Savage!), or rugby player, or squash player; you could dodge the crowds in the January sales and you would never fall down the cracks in the pavement.

Perhaps you prefer to use the old grey matter. These skills are transferable too. Playing chess, for example, requires skills of planning and strategy which are useful for running a business, managing and investing your money, or invading another country!

HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE?

Ask the Children's University leader at your school about how to get involved and visit the CU website www.childrensuniversity.co.uk for information about other things to do and places to visit.



Information for parents

The Children's University scheme is a national organisation that provides 7 to 14 year olds with exciting and innovative learning activities in out of school hours activities. Credits are awarded to young people who choose to attend a variety of learning activities out of normal school hours, including breakfast, lunchtime and after school clubs and evening, weekend and school holiday clubs and activities. We celebrate achievement and reward participation through our certificates.

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!

Benefits Children University

For young people:

- develops lifelong learning
- extends learning beyond normal school hours
- enriches the normal school curriculum
- rewards participation in out of school hours learning
- improves confidence, self-esteem and independence
- helps to develop a wide variety of interests, skills and knowledge
- adds value to the activities that you were already doing anyway
- it's fun!!

For parents, guardians and carers:

- a chance to share and celebrate your children's achievements
- develops opportunities for your children to learn outside normal teaching hours
- provides your children with access to high quality programmes of learning

