

The Children's University – A Brief Summary

Your school is now a Children's University Validated Learning Destination and your child is invited to join the national membership of The Children's University (CU). The CU is similar to the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme but it is aimed at 7-14 year olds.

- The Children's University celebrates **voluntary** participation in **learning activities** and experiences **outside of the school curriculum** and **outside of normal school hours**.
- This includes before and after-school activities, lunchtime and holiday activities and out of school activities at **external Learning Destinations**.
- Children purchase a **Passport to Learning** (resembling a real passport) and collect hours of learning by having their **Passport** stamped or signed by the activity provider.
- Children are awarded bronze, silver and gold certificates every time they complete 30, 65 and 100 hours of learning.
- There are three key levels of achievement just like University:
 - The Undergraduate Level (30 to 400 hours of learning) is about choosing to take part.
 - The Postgraduate Level (430 to 800 hours) is about choosing to take part and showing what they have achieved through for example displays, performances, exhibitions and publications.
 - The Doctorate Level (830 to 1000 hours) is about choosing to take part, showing what you have achieved and helping others to learn.
- Certificates are awarded at a formal graduation ceremony.
- Cost of membership is at the discretion of the school which includes the Passport to Learning, access to validated Learning Destinations and participation in an annual graduation ceremony if awards are achieved.
- A replacement Passport to Learning will cost £5 (either to replace a lost passport or because the passport is full).
- Children can only record activities undertaken at **validated Learning Destination's**, a list will be posted on the school notice board.
- Parents may **nominate** external Learning Destinations attended by their children and a form is available from your school, alternatively you can ask the club/activity your child attends to email: Snsf_Coordinator@astreaernulf.org (please note underscore where space is)
- More information and national external learning destinations can be found on the national Children's University website www.childrensuniversity.co.uk

PLEASE NOTE: The Children's University validation process assures the quality of learning. Matters of Health and Safety, Public Liability and Safeguarding remain the responsibility of the learning provider. Learning Destinations are expected to operate to their statutory requirements in these areas, however parents and carers should satisfy themselves that organisations are meeting these requirements.