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Dear Parents / Carers

Nether Stowe School is proud to be part of the Children's University™ Scheme which aims to raise aspirations, celebrate and boost achievement and foster a love of learning, so that children can make the most of their abilities and interests.

I am delighted to invite your child to join the Children's University™ (CU), which is an international organisation that provides 7 – 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 and are called *Learning Destinations*.

All children have the opportunity to take part in Children's University and extra-curricular activities at Nether Stowe School. Children can collect stamps 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 Children's University website.

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.

Each child receives:

- A CU *passport to Learning* through an online platform where they log their hours
- Access to CU *Learning Activities* provided by CU quality assured *Learning Destinations*.
- Participation in a prestigious Children's University Graduation ceremony at Birmingham University where they will receive a Children's University certificate, dressed traditionally in a graduation cap & gown, with an invitation to parents/carers to attend once they have achieved a Gold Award.

Through participation in fun, high quality learning experiences, we aim to grow inquisitive, confident, independent children and learners. Student's have commented on "trying different activities, making new friends and seeing a reward for their hardwork and commitment at the awards ceremony which was inspiring and motivating". 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 <https://netherstowe.staffs.sch.uk/childrens-university-parents-page/> to find a programme of learning activities demonstrating opportunities being provided in school. To find out about activities held outside of school, visit <http://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 Rose. I do hope you will support your child in this exciting venture and help them to achieve their Children's University™ awards.

Yours faithfully

Miss Rose
Children's University Coordinator