

Dear Parent/Guardian

Children's University accreditation scheme

As you may or may not be aware all young people in Cardiff between the ages of 5-19 are eligible to join the Children's University scheme.

The Cardiff Children's University awards credits to young people who attend learning activities out of school hours. The organisation is designed to *'create a platform upon which young people could recognise and explore their potential as learners'*. Children's University operates outside school hours therefore young people attend activities entirely from choice.

The Children's University operates across 3 age ranges:

Kid's College (Years 1 – 3)

Children's University (Years 4 – 8)

Youth University (Years 9 – 13)

Credits are banked by the Schools Service on a database in County Hall. Statements that outline how many credits a pupil accumulates are sent to the school on a termly basis. These accumulated credits will eventually get them a Children's University Award as detailed below.

Kids College		Children's University		Youth University	
Age 5-8 Years 1-3		Age 9-13 Years 4-8		Age 14-19 Years 9-14	
Bronze	50	Bronze	100	Bronze	150
Silver	75	Silver	200	Silver	350
Gold	100	Gold	400	Gold	600

Although many schools are actively involved with the scheme as are many other organisations, there are still many clubs and activities that pupils attend that they are not accredited for.

As previously stated pupils can gain credits for anything they take part in out of school hours. These activities do not just have to take place within the school, but can be for example with rugby clubs, dance schools and youth centres.

To ensure your child is being credited for everything that they do we have devised a form that **you can fill in**, notifying us of any activities or clubs your child attends **outside the school setting**.

All you have to do is fill in the form with your child's details and the details of the activity they are attending, get this signed by the activity tutor and then at the end of each school term, send the form to the address provided.

We will then update the pupils' information as well as using any information you have provided us about different activity centres, to then contact them to see if they would like to become a registered Children's University activity centre, which would ensure that all young people attending their activity would be accredited.

Enclosed is a copy of the form, if you require any extra forms your child's school will be able to provide you with them.

If you have any questions regarding the new form or about Children's University please do not hesitate to contact me on the details below.

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Thank you for your support in your child's learning.



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