

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Arthur Terry School is proud to be part of the Children's University scheme. This initiative aims to raise pupils' aspirations, boost achievement and foster a love of learning beyond the classroom door.

I am delighted to invite your Year 7 child to join the Children's University, which is an international organisation that provides pupils 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 our pupils will have the opportunity to take part in the Children's University and extra-curricular activities throughout the academic year. Children will collect digital stamps to demonstrate the number of hours of learning they have achieved in validated Children's University activities. For example, after taking part in a school sports day or in Children in Need fundraising, your child will receive a number of hours towards their Children's University award.

The Official National Children's University Trust Awards

There are 12 levels within the Children's University scheme. Each level is made up of three awards:

30 hours = Bronze Award 65 hours = Silver Award 100 hours = Gold Award

There are progressive steps leading all the way up to 1000 hours of learning (Doctorate Gold Award).

Each child receives:

- A CU Digital Passport to Learning (which is an online account)
- Participation in a prestigious Children's University Graduation ceremony at Birmingham University where they will receive a Children's University certificate, dress traditionally in a graduation cap & gown and receive an invitation to parents/carers to attend once they have achieved a Gold Award.

Over the next two weeks, students will be issued with their log in details and passwords to access the Children's University app already installed on their iPads. Students will then have an introductory assembly where the process of the programme is explained.

Please regularly check our enrichment timetable via <https://arthurterry.bham.sch.uk/curriculum/personal-development/enrichment/>

This too will be regularly updated to reflect the opportunities in school for each term.

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.

For more information about Children's University speak to the school's Children's University Co-ordinator, Mrs Harding via atsenrichment@arthurterry.bham.sch.uk

I do hope you will support your child in this exciting venture and help them to achieve their Children's University awards.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Harding

Lead for Enrichment and Children's University Coordinator