

October 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you of an exciting opportunity for your son/daughter to become a member of the South Hertfordshire Children's University offered in partnership by West Herts and Oaklands Colleges.

The Children's University (CU) is a national organisation offering children aged 5-14 an exciting and innovative programme of high quality learning opportunities outside school hours, with a focus on rewarding participation, raising aspirations and encouraging engagement with learning. CU provision is delivered outside school hours, at weekends and in the holidays.

Children are encouraged to progress through the national certification scheme, based on their participation in Children's University activities. Bronze, silver and gold certificates are awarded at CU Undergraduate, CU Postgraduate and CU Doctorate levels, rewarding participation in CU learning from 30 to 1000 hours.

These opportunities for learning can be accessed through the diverse extra-curricular offer available at Cherry Tree School as well by attending local and national centres such as the National Sea Life Centre, the Houses of Parliament, Whipsnade Zoo, London Zoo as well as local museums, theatres and community clubs. Holiday and weekend activities are also available.

Students will receive a hard copy of the 'Passport to Learning' which they can get stamped at CU accredited events/organisations allowing them to monitor their own progress. They will also receive a 'virtual' e-Passport to Learning allowing them to manage their progress on-line as well as search for accredited learning destinations and share their experiences with their friends.

If you would like your son/daughter to take part in this programme, please complete and return the information overleaf to the school before **October half term**.

Please note if your child attends an activity at a new learning destination which is not yet registered with the CU, they will need to complete an expression of interest form to register with the CU.

Yours Sincerely

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Child's first name:					
Child's last name:					
Gender: (Please tick)	Male		Female	Prefer not to say	
Child's current school year group:					
Please provide the name and contact details of any organisations or activities that your child currently participates in:					

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