



What is Children's University™?

The Children's University™ (CU) aims to promote exciting learning opportunities and experiences outside normal school hours for children aged 7 to 14 (and 5 and 6 year olds with their families). At the heart of it's work is the ambition to raise aspirations, boost achievement and foster a love of learning, so that young people can make the most of their abilities and interests.

What is a Learning Destination?

Learning Destinations are places and organisations to which children can 'travel' with their *Passport To Learning*. They provide high quality learning activities and experiences with a 'wow' factor and have passed the Children's University's™ own quality assurance process (*Planning for Learning*). A *Learning Destination* can range from a museum to a farm or from an airport to a school.

There are *Learning Destinations* across the country. You can find out more about them by visiting www.childrensuniversity.co.uk

Recognising and rewarding participation

Children's University™ students use *Passports To Learning* in which they record the number of hours of completed CU validated learning activities. Children are encouraged to progress through the national certification scheme, based on the number of hours of attendance throughout their involvement with the Children's University™.

Why become involved with Learning Destinations?

Children's University™ can support schools to:

- Develop impact evidence around the benefits of young people taking part in co-curricular opportunities - both on and off school site;
- Increase parental involvement;
- Use integrated IT systems to monitor hours and participation in co-curricular opportunities both on and off school site;
- Demonstrate and justify Pupil Premium or other budget spend;
- Look at School Improvement Plans and utilise learning outside of the classroom to improve attainment and achievement;
- Improve the confidence, independence and readiness to learning of the young people.

For more information, please email Emma Jenkins or Kim Gedik via kcu@kent.gov.uk



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