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# Norfolk Children's University Newsletter - December 2014

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## Winter Graduation 2014

The Norfolk CU team is looking forward to hosting our first winter graduation. With less than a week to go before the big event we have been kept very busy arranging the final touches to ensure everyone has a great day.

### Learning Destinations updates

Norfolk CU is happy to welcome 4 new Learning Destinations.

### Stoke United Football Club



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Students who want to learn football skills, have fun and be active at the same time can earn stamps training with Stoke United Football club. The club is open to 5-11 year olds and girls and boys. This is a great way for children to develop their sporting skills, meet new friends and be part of a team. For more information, please contact [robert.ward@ymail.com](mailto:robert.ward@ymail.com)

### Swim with Kathy Ford

We are delighted that Swim with Kathy Ford is now a member of Norfolk CU. This is

There will be over 200 students from 15 different schools graduating and we would like to congratulate everyone who have been working hard and earning lots of stamps at Learning Destinations. It is great to see so many children broadening their horizons by trying new experiences and we hope the rewards at graduation will encourage them to do more CU activities in 2015. We wish to say thank you to all the schools who have helped the students to reach the targets and the University of East Anglia for hosting this great event.



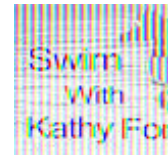
## Exciting times ahead for the Children's

### University

The Children's University annual conference took place in Manchester and it was wonderful to hear about the all new adventures. In the new year the CU will be continuing to build upon it's incredible success and opening more opportunities for young people. This includes launching a new friendlier website and engaging with more organisations. At the conference we also heard about the exciting partnerships across the world. The CU in Malaysia and Australia both held their first graduation ceremonies this year and are looking to expand the project to further schools.

The Norfolk CU team was very proud that we had a big presence at the conference with our partnership with UEA highlighted as one of the best in the country. It was also great to see a Norfolk CU student, Alex from Redgate Junior school, was featured on the front cover of the conference programme. We want to say thank you to all our students, schools, and Learning Destinations that makes us one of the most successful CU's in the country and we hope to expand and continue this success in the new year.

a great opportunity for children to learn and improve upon their swimming abilities and learn water safety within a safe environment. There is a variety of group abilities and sizes to choose from so children can gain confidence in the water. For more information please [click here](#).



### ATSKA

Norfolk CU students are welcomed to train

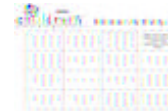
Shotokan Karate with ATSKA. You will learn how to practice and apply karate skills in a friendly environment. This is open to 5-14 year olds with different abilities. For more information please [click here](#)



### Wymondham Leisure Centre

Students who attend swimming classes at Wymondham Leisure Centre can now claim stamps for their passports. The centre provides a great environment for children to learn and there are a variety of classes to choose from. For more information please [click here](#)

### Winter Activity Sheet



With the Christmas holidays soon upon us we have created a Winter Activity sheet to keep everyone busy. There are lots of fun and creative challenges you can complete, from using recycled resources to design decorations, researching Christmas traditions across the world and writing your own version of the 12 Days of Christmas.

For each challenge a student completes, they can earn 1 stamp. We want to say thank you to everyone's great suggestions on Facebook. We have sent a copy to all the schools to share with its pupils. To download a PDF version, please [click here](#)

Remember to send us pictures of all your hard work.



### Testimonies

Earlier this year we asked parents to tell us how

## Student



## Ambassadors

The theme of the conference was 'looking past limits'. We heard a great speech from Kian Saville, from Warwickshire CU, who was diagnosed at an early age with brain tumours. He used CU to 'past limits' of his illness to try new experiences. Within his school became a leader and presented CU at an assembly to register 173 more students. His hard work was recognised with a visit to Westminster where he told us it has been 'one hell of a ride'.

This has inspired Norfolk CU to look for ambassadors who can share their experiences and how becoming a student has benefited you. If you would like to nominate a student who has pushed themselves to learn new skills, persevered to earn a place at graduation and have changed their attitude towards learning, then please contact us.

Norfolk CU has impacted on their child's learning experience. Below is a testimony from Sreej;

'Children's University idea was indeed a great inspiration for my daughter, Sreelakshmi, to try out different varied activities. This type of learning beyond the academic curriculum has broadened her imagination and has brought a definite change in her attitude to try new skills. ... In short, CU definitely holds a big role in widening the horizons of the architects of our future'.

If you would like to share your story, please contact us.

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### Contact us:

If you would like to find out more information about Norfolk CU or recommend a new Learning Destination then please get in touch:

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