

### Is there a CU Membership cost?

Yes - the cost of CU Membership for each child is £5 for which each child receives:

- A CU *Passport To Learning*.
- Access to the E-Passport
- Access to CU *Learning Activities* provided by CU quality assured *Learning Destinations*.
- Participation in a Children's University graduation ceremony where they will receive a Children's University certificate, dressed traditionally in a graduation cap and gown, with an invitation to parents/carers to attend.

Membership is renewed each time a new *Passport To Learning* is required (on average we find this is once every 18 months).

We recognise that for children from the lowest income families this amount could be prohibitive. In these circumstances, please speak to the school your child attends.

### FOR LOCAL ADAPTATION

#### Where can I find out more?

Our website is a good place to start as we regularly update it with local and national CU news and activities.

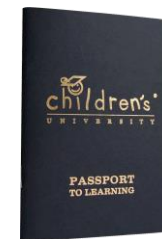
The North Somerset Children's University is managed by Weston College and more information can be found on the website or you can also contact us via telephone or e-mail:

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## Information for Parents and Carers





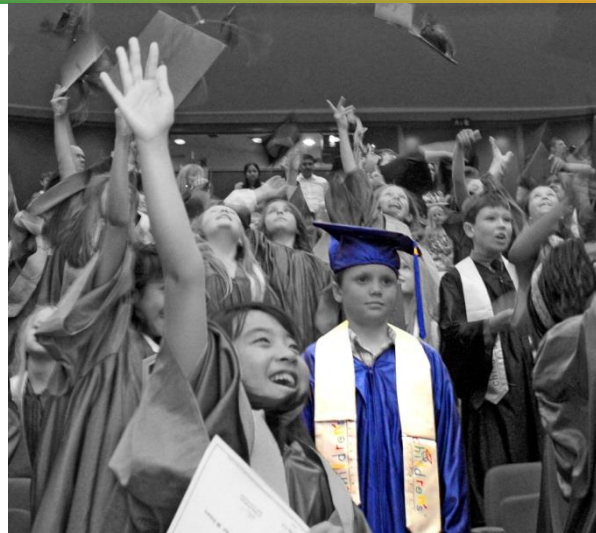
### What is the Children's University™?

The Children's University is an international charity that provides 7 to 14 year olds (and 5 to 6 year olds with their families) with access to exciting and innovative CU *Learning Activities* and experiences outside of the normal school day.

We celebrate achievement and reward participation through the award of Children's University certificates. Raising children's aspiration is important to us and we aim to develop the understanding that learning can be the 'satellite navigation system to better places in life'.

Any child, aged 5 to 14 years can join us and, when issued with a CU *Passport To Learning*, is able to take part in CU validated *Learning Activities* and experiences.

Each hour of CU validated learning they complete brings the child closer to a Children's University graduation certificate, presented at a locally organised CU graduation ceremony. Celebrating achievement is important to us.



### What is a CU Learning Destination and what kind of activities are CU Learning Activities?

CU *Learning Destinations* are places and organisations that provide high quality CU *Learning Activities*. CU *Learning Activities* are activities that have been quality approved by the Children's University. We validate any activity that will enable children or young people to develop skills or knowledge, as long as it relates to a subject that can be studied further in Higher Education.

### Where can a child use the Passport To Learning?

CU *Passports To Learning* enable children to travel to the CU *Learning Destinations*, both locally and (inter)nationally, collecting stamps as they go: after all, travel is what a passport is for!

### What are the benefits to my child?

Through participation in fun, high quality learning experiences, we aim to grow **inquisitive, confident, independent** children and learners. It's about **enjoyment**, and a sense of **achievement for all**. Membership to the Children's University provides each child with access to a great range of quality assured learning provision, **including:**



- Activities at school based *Learning Destinations* (also known as Restricted *Learning Destinations*)
- Children's University Lectures, CU Seminars and CU Workshops, including those offered by the BBC and Sky
- Activities at tourist attractions such as museums
- Formal sports coaching activities
- Clubs and societies which might include music and drama
- Scouting and Guiding Groups

More info about Public *Learning Destinations* that provide memorable, fun and good quality learning can be found at [www.childrensuniversity.co.uk](http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk). Please also contact your local CU for their up to date provision.

### What is the E-Passport?

The *E-Passport* is an online version of the *Passport To Learning*. The *E-Passport* does not replace the *Passport To Learning*, but provides children with the facility to record details of the CU *Learning Activities* they have taken part in and allows them to share information and pictures with other children in their school. For further information, please pick up a copy of 'E-Passport – a Guide to Getting Started'.